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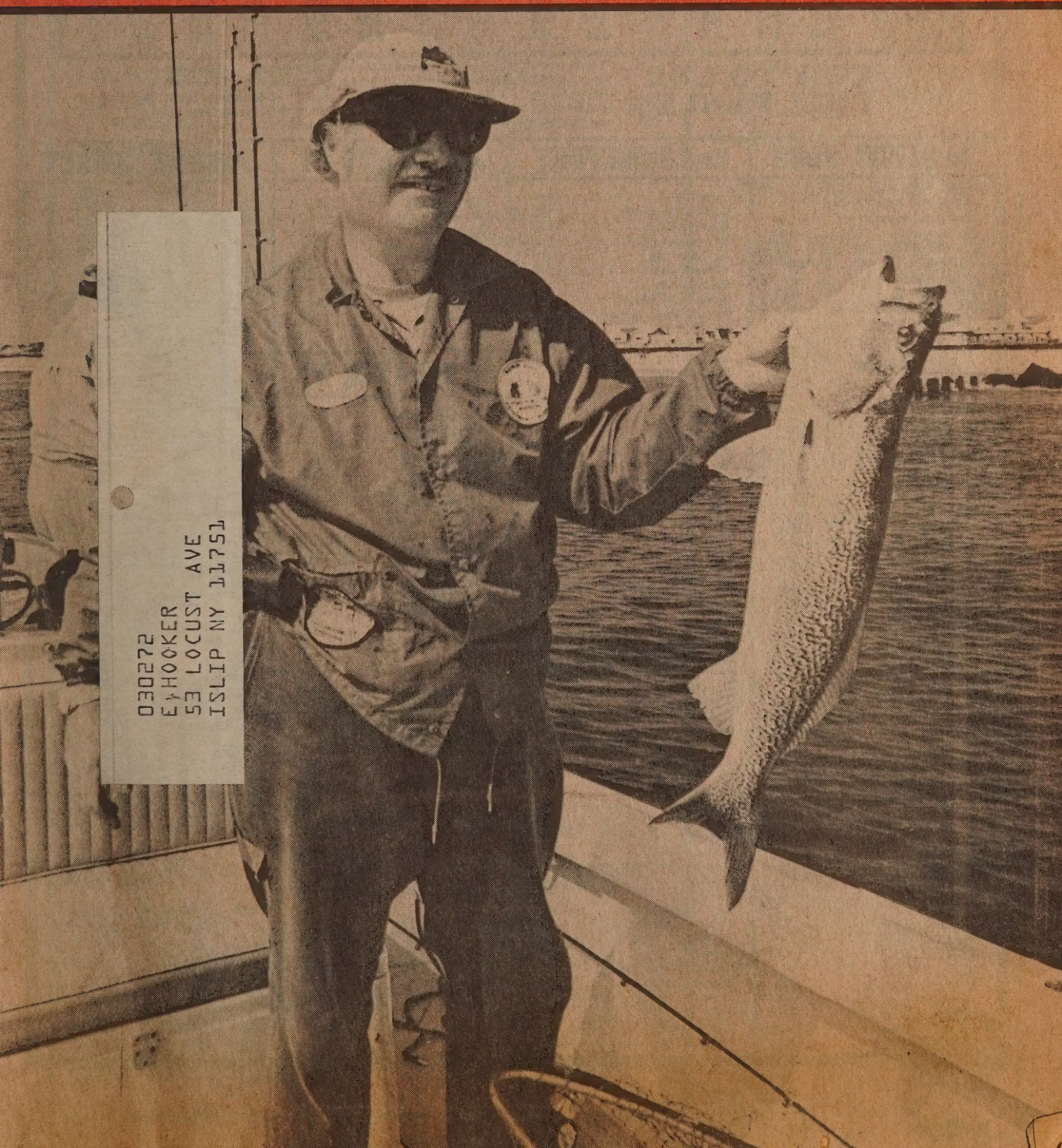

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	11:30	–	12:05	12:25	12:05	12:25	1:00	1:10	3:20	3:35	2:45	3:05	11:30	–	11/27
FRI.	12:10	12:25	1:05	1:25	1:05	1:15	2:00	2:15	4:20	4:45	3:40	4:00	12:05	12:25	11/28
SAT.	1:10	1:20	2:10	2:25	1:55	2:10	3:05	3:15	5:25	5:50	4:40	5:00	1:00	1:25	11/29
SUN.	2:00	2:10	3:10	3:25	2:45	3:05	4:05	4:20	6:25	6:50	5:35	6:00	2:00	2:20	11/30
MON.	3:00	3:10	4:05	4:15	3:45	4:00	4:55	5:15	7:20	7:45	6:30	6:55	2:55	3:15	12/1
TUE.	3:50	4:05	4:55	5:10	4:40	4:50	5:45	6:00	8:10	8:35	7:20	7:45	3:45	4:05	12/2
WED.	4:40	4:55	5:40	5:55	5:25	5:40	6:25	6:45	8:55	9:20	8:05	8:30	4:30	4:50	12/3
THUR.	5:25	5:40	6:20	6:35	6:10	6:25	7:00	7:25	9:35	10:00	8:50	9:15	5:15	5:35	12/4

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

11/28	6:36	5:00
11/29	6:37	5:00
11/30	6:37	5:00
12/1	6:38	5:00
12/2	6:39	5:00
12/3	6:39	5:00
12/4	6:40	5:00

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
11/7	11/15	11:22	11/29

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	8:55	3:10	9:20	3:40
Fri.	9:55	4:00	10:10	4:30
Sat.	10:45	5:00	11:10	5:20
Sun.	11:35	5:40	11:50	6:00
Mon.	—	6:15	12:15	6:40
Tues.	12:25	6:55	12:55	7:15
Wed.	1:05	7:35	1:30	8:05
Thurs.	1:45	8:10	2:20	8:35

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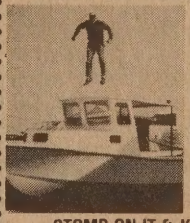

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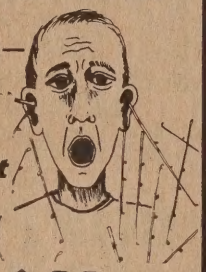

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Regrettably, spiralling inflationary costs have given us no alternative but to raise the cover price of **The Fisherman** from $.60 to $.70. Subscription costs will go up, with the following rates taking effect as of January 1st: One year - $14; Two years - $26; and Three years - $38. With no way to combat this seemingly annual trend, we at **The Fisherman** will just have to batten down the hatches, put our noses to the grindstone, and work a notch harder to bring our family of readers an even better product.

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READER WANTS TO GET INVOLVED

Dear Bill, I am writing in response to your most stimulating editorial which appeared in the October 2nd issue of The Long Island Fisherman. Because I've been a resident of Long Island and have enjoyed the beauty and unique resources of our Island for the past twenty years, these issues really strike a nerve. Also, since most of my fishing is done from the surf, I've seen firsthand the decline of game fish, bait, and most important, opportunities to fish.

Just as a little background on myself, I'm 23-years-old, and have been fishing the surf for the past six years. My first trips were to Democrat Point, but as gas prices rose I was forced to fish the Jones Beach Inlet instead since I live in N. Massapequa.

Presently I'm living in Philadelphia and am pursuing a degree in Recreation Admin. I'll be receiving a Masters in this field this coming May and I've always had as my goal to put my love for fishing and recreation and leisure and skills together as a career.

Many times during my schooling, topics such as you've dealt with have come up for discussion. I feel as you do that the world's resources are finite and as an administrator it is my duty to protect these resources. Pressures from recreational and commercial fishermen, by over-population, and by a general lack of concern by our government are complicating the problems of every citizen on Long Island.

Your magazine has tried very hard to present the various problems to the readers, but without much interest, I fear. I find it hard to believe that the licensing vote was negative, probably because the people who should be concerned with the issue weren't, through no fault of your staff. I do feel that the issue should be brought up again. Something about New Yorkers makes them indifferent to most issues until there's a crisis, then they begin to pull together. Right now, we have a crisis and it won't go away. Here's what I want to do about it.

Anyway, anything that I can do to help, become more knowledgeable on, to write, serve on, etc., I'm willing to do. I just need some help getting started. I would like to request more info on the packing house issue and as I stated before, I want to see the vote issue come up again. As I'm sure you remember, when the possibility of the Japanese fishing for our one remaining game fish became an issue, there was an excellent turnout at the hearings. I feel that we must threaten people these days with the loss of something they enjoy if we're going to

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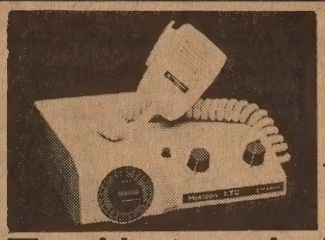

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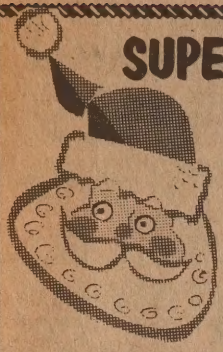

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WHAT'S THE DARK OF THE MOON?

I have had numerous discussions with my fishing friends about the period each month known as "the dark of the moon." To me, it simply meant that time when there is no moon. They claim no.

Can you tell me what period is known as the "dark of the moon." I have been a subscriber to your publication since it started. I will greatly appreciate your explanation and settle a big argument. *W. vonderHeipt, Williston Park, NY.*

Well, maybe my early mentors led me astray, but I was taught that the new moon is the dark of the moon. College study has reinforced that understanding. I can't imagine what your friends are referring to unless it is some local reference to any night when the moon is shrouded with clouds. Therefore, the best I can suggest is that the dark of the moon is the new moon period. This period is moonless both before and after the new moon date itself because the moon is in our visible sky mostly during the daylight hours. I hope this helps. Dr. W.A. Muller.

MOORING AT JONES BEACH

I am a subscriber to your newspaper and a fisherman who concentrates his activities by boat along the back waters of Jones Beach near Zachs Bay and Jones Inlet.

For a number of weekends, I have moored my boat near the Jones Beach Fishing Pier (parking field 10). There is a stretch of beach west of these piers approximately one mile long and also a cove area east of the piers where you can rent out rowboats. Recently, I have been chased off the beach by the beach attendants at both areas of beach as they inform me and other boaters, along with people who drive by car to this area of beach that these beach areas are closed per the instructions of the superintendent of the beach. Allegedly, these beaches are unsafe for bathers and sun worshippers, yet there are no signs closing the beaches.

Upon talking to one of the female attendants at the rowboat station, she has no knowledge or justification for such a closing of the beaches. My parents have been taking me to this beach area since I could walk (25

years ago) and now I boat these areas.

I am just wondering if you might know or could find out why these areas are closed as their closing off the beach only leaves Zachs Bay and the Short Beach Coast Guard areas for bathing on the bay side. Thanking you in advance for your time and cooperation. *J. R. Zadrazil, Astoria, New York.*

We checked with the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission about your inquiry and were told that indeed mooring your boat in the area you refer to is not permitted. Park officials pointed out that the area contains a lot of rip-rap and is thus dangerous to both boat hulls and people bodies. The Commission will not stop you from anchoring off the beach, but they will not permit on-shore mooring for health and safety reasons. Dr. W. A. Muller.

Pass It On...

ROD BUILDING THE TOPIC AT SALTY FLYRODDERS MEETING

James Micco, Long Island rod builder and owner of Anglers Edge tackle shop, will appear as guest lecturer at the December 1, 1980 meeting of "Salty" Flyrodders of N.Y., Inc.

Jim will discuss techniques and accessories as well as provide tips on custom rod building. Several finished rods will be exhibited during the lecture.

The meeting starts at 8PM and will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 31-20 21st Ave., Astoria, New York.

This meeting is open to the public.

WESTLAKE LODGE AWARD WINNERS

Westlake Fishing Lodge in Montauk held its annual awards party on Saturday, November 8. Following are the Best of Species winners for the 1980 season:

Geo. Lesor, flounder - 4 lbs.
B. Goldman, blackfish - 10 lbs.
Bruce Kieffer, striped bass - 38 lbs.
Dan Auriemma, fluke - 8½ lbs.
Geo. Lesor, porgy, 4½ lbs.
O. Hasselman, mako, 389 lbs.
Capt. Sweetman, thresher, 480 lbs.
H. Smith, white shark, 150 lbs.
N. Spiegel, weakfish - 11 lbs.
J. Christman, bluefish, 20 lbs.
J. Langlie, blue shark, 282 lbs.
Geo. Lesor, sea bass - 3 lbs.
Wally Oakland, tuna, 76 lbs.

RIVIERA MARINE FUEL MONITOR

Riviera's computer-age Fuel Monitor is a fuel management system which allows maximum boat operating efficiency! Designed specially for the marine industry, Fuel Monitor lets you get the most boating pleasure from every gallon of gas. And at today's gas prices, that's a real advantage! With the Fuel Monitor, you can compute actual fuel usage under varying wind/water/RPM conditions—and determine the most efficient running speed and RPM.

But that's not all. The Fuel Monitor also reads out: RPM for #1 or #2 engine; gallons consumed per hour (current running conditions); gallons remaining; running time left.

Other features include automatic fuel alarm (warns when fuel is at 20% remaining; self-contained panel lighting; clock with timing alarm; clear function (re-program); calibrates fuel intake at fuel pump.

The Fuel Monitor provides a complete operations center for maximum fishing/boating pleasure. It is engineered with the most modern computer components—to provide trouble-free service and accuracy.

For further information on the FM 2000 Fuel Monitor and other Riviera products, contact: Riviera Marine & Tackle Company, 3859 Roger Chaffee Blvd., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49508.

BEAR PAW'S NEW DE HOOKER FORCEPS

Bear Paw's new De Hooker is the tool wanted by every fisherman who has used it or seen it used. This is the same high quality stainless steel surgical forceps that only a few lucky fishermen have been able to put in their tackle boxes until new. With rust-free surgical forceps, removing a hook from a fish's mouth is flawlessly easy. Since there's no tearing, the tool is an absolute must for the "catch-release" sportsman.

The Bear Paw De Hooker is 5½" long, available with either curved or straight jaws. Jaws are narrow and serrated for reaching into small, deep places with a vise-like grip. Jaws pivot in a high strength box joint. A three point lock holds jaws shut with three degrees of tension and instant release. The forceps are a versatile tool, with many uses around the house and shop, as well as fishing.

Package in a reusable vinyl pouch for pegboard display, the Bear Paw De Hooker is list priced at $7.95.

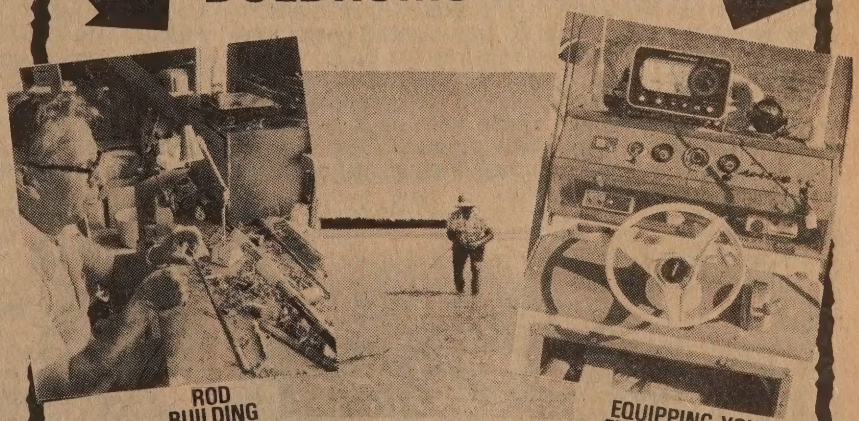
For more info contact: Bear Paw Tackle Company, Route 2, Box 494 Bellaire, MI 49615.

BOATING COURSE

Flotilla 13-2 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will give a nine-lesson course on Boating Skills and Seamanship, beginning Wednesday, December 3, in the downstairs meeting room of the Sears department store on Sunrise Highway, Massapequa (across from Sunrise Mall). Classes will take place from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m., continuing in consecutive Wednesdays. The course is free, except for materials.

For further information, call (516) 541-9838.

ESCAPE THE WINTER DOLDRUMS WITH US!



Unless your one of the lucky ones who get to sample the fishing in some warm, far-away place while the rest of us shiver to the tune of icey cold, northerly winds, the months of January and February don't hold much in the way of promise for the Long Island Anglers.
Let *THE FISHERMAN* SOLVE YOUR WINTER BLAHS WITH AN ARRAY OF ARTICLES DESIGNED TO KEEP THE HANDS AND MIND BUSY WHILE WAITING FOR THE FIRST FLOUNDER TO BEGIN STIRRING. We'll keep you preoccupied with plenty of how-to pieces covering a wide range of subjects from building your own crab net and chum pots to understanding tide and currents. Whether your forte is the offshore scene, the high surf, sinker bouncing from open boats or rental skiffs, or just spending a couple of hours on a local pier, there's sure to be something of interest for you in these mid-winter specials.

NATIONAL SCENE
with Al Ristori

MID-ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETS AT MONTAUK

The November meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council was held at Gurney's Inn in Montauk. On the night of November 13, a public hearing was held on the mackerel and butterfish plans. As usual, it was poorly attended—but there really wasn't anything controversial about the subject matter. Amendment #2 to each plan simply extends the present management scheme for another year beyond the 1980-1981 fishing year. In the meantime, the Council is working on a new comprehensive management plan for the mackerel, squid, and butterfish fisheries. However, since that plan won't be ready—and reviewed—before the present amendment expires on March 31, 1981, it was necessary to seek this continuation. The only alternative offered was to take no action; therefore allowing the plan to lapse next spring and be replaced by a temporary plan devised by the Secretary of Commerce. In view of what's come out of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in recent years, that isn't a very attractive alternative!

The present mackerel plan includes only a 4,000 metric ton allocation for the foreign fleets, and that is intended solely for use as incidental catch in the course of fishing for targeted species—such as squid, ling, and whiting. No big new commercial fishery is anticipated on the domestic side, as the allocation there remains at 5,000 metric tons. The recreational catch is estimated at 15,000 metric tons—about half of the 30,000 metric ton optimum yield. Another 6,000 tons is held in reserve. Experience has shown that it's easiest to control a foreign fishery if a small by-catch is allowed. Under those circumstances, the foreigners must be careful not to exceed their quota in order to avoid being prohibited from fishing in the area any longer. Since they pay for their quota up front, that can be a very expensive mistake to make. When a species is placed on the "prohibited" list, the foreign vessels can't keep them—but they can catch and return unlimited numbers. Of course, there is little survival of fish brought up in a jammed cod-end from hundreds of feet and then dumped on the deck for sorting!

At this point, it seems as if the mackerel is one of the success stories of the 200-Mile Limit. The fishing has improved considerably each of the last couple of springs, and the stock assessments indicate an expanding population. If all goes well, we could have an "old-fashioned" mackerel run next spring.

Unfortunately, that very success might leave us in a difficult position relative to the requirements of the law next year. With ever-increasing stock assessments, it will become more difficult to justify keeping the foreign fleets out of a directed mackerel fishery unless a significant domestic fishery suddenly springs up. Yet, any increase of pressure on the offshore stocks of mackerel during the winter will probably result in tougher fishing for our coastal recreational fleet in the spring. The problem here is the interpretation of optimum yield. Before the 200-Mile Limit Act was passed, international regulation was based on the concept of maximum sustained yield. That was a biological concept which involved harvest (based on stock assessments) up to the point where the species could continue to provide a stable fishery year after year. Unfortunately, that method cut pretty close to the bone at times—particularly if a high stock assessment was used, or if the catch data wasn't very accurate. Worst of all, maximum sustained yield didn't take into account the requirements of the recreational fishery for surplus stocks and larger sizes.

The 200-Mile Limit Act introduced the relatively recent concept of optimum yield. Now, the biological facts must be modified by social and economic considerations. Where recreational fishing is a prime concern, the law requires that the optimum yield allow for a reasonable portion of the catch to be taken in that fashion. However, there is no formula for establishing optimum yield—and there probably won't ever be one.

Recreational fishing requires a significant biological surplus, and it also needs fish bigger than those which maximum sustained yield allocation would provide; but just how much of a surplus is necessary for a "quality" fishery is anybody's guess. Though there can be such a thing as an over-supply of fish in a closed freshwater environment (this leads to stunting and the gradual elimination of desirable game fish), such a situation is unlikely in saltwater. When more food and game fish are available in reasonable proximity to recreational fishing, there will be greater effort by more people, resulting in greater social and economic benefits to the nation. Theoretically, you'd have to find a point at which even better fishing would not result in any greater recreational effort before saying that a surplus for foreign fishing really exists.

What this all boils down to is that optimum yield is whatever we say it is. There is no need to ever open up the mackerel fishery to foreign exploitation again. However, I'm sure that such an effort will be made by the State and Commerce Departments (unless there's a real change in the bureaucracy made by the new Administration), and we can only hope that the Mid-Atlantic Council is strong enough to fight them off. You can bet that the foreigners will soon be putting pressure on to get back into this fishery. The only comments heard at this hearing were from the representative of the Japan Trawlers Association, asking for much greater allocations of butterfish—based on good stock assessments and "under-fishing" for the last three years. There was no inkling of it at this hearing, but I suspect that we'll have to fight to preserve a high quality recreational mackerel fishery in the future.

Feinberg is Pessimistic About Japanese Longline Cooperation

Bill Feinberg, New Jersey Council member and dedicated sport fisherman, has been appointed by Mid-Atlantic Council President Dave Hart to serve as that Council's official representative on the ICCAT Advisory Committee. Council representation was assured this year by the so-called Murphy compromise on the effort to include the Atlantic bluefin tuna in the 200-Mile Act. That compromise is also supposed to include one hundred percent observer coverage on the Japanese longline fleet, but Feinberg says that NMFS appears to be trying to skirt aorund that requirement already. Apparently there is some sort of funding problem (though the Japanese are supposed to pay for the observers), and also a lack of trained observers. The Japanese have twenty-four permits (they only used twenty-two last year, but still refused a request to commit themselves to using only twenty-two again this year); so we're not talking about a great increase in personnel from those that are presently providing about twenty percent coverage.

When Representative Murphy was working out his compromise, the word was that the Japanese had agreed to unofficially cut back their effort on giant tuna in the Gulf of Mexico to 6,000 fish from the recent levels of 8,000. Now it turns out that the figure is 7,000. That's not a great reduction when you consider that the remaining giants are getting scarcer every year and, therefore, harder to catch—even when they're concentrated in March for spawning. A new American longline effort on these fish may negate any slight reduction in the Japanese catch. The one hopeful sign that Bill noted at the last meeting was an indication that the West Coast tuna seiners and packers were becoming a little more responsive to this problem. However, they seemed that way a couple of years ago, when I went to an ICCAT Advisor's meeting; but I'm afraid they still will use their enormous power to block any effort to really solve the problem by including tuna in the 200-Mile Limit.

STRIPED BASS UPDATE

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE 1980 SEASON IS COMING TO A CLOSE AND SOME FISHERMEN SAY THE STRIPER, THE MOST ALLURING SPORTFISH IN NORTH EASTERN WATERS, IS ON THE WAY TO EXTINCTION FROM OVER-FISHING. *STRIPED BASS RESEARCH* HAS PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING FACTS, FIGURES AND HOPEFUL REMEDIES:

MARYLAND HAS THE FIRST BAN ON BASS COMMERCIAL & SPORTFISHING IN CHESAPEAKE BAY TO PROTECT THE SPAWNING AREAS THAT SUPPLY 90% OF THE BASS FOR THE NORTHEAST WHICH ARE *FEMALES. MOST MALE BASS ARE NOT MIGRATORY.*

CHESAPEAKE CHARTER BOAT CAPTAINS' PREVIOUS CATCH OF 10,000 TO 12,000 LBS. OF BASS PER YEAR NOW DOWN TO 500 LBS. *THEY SWITCHED TO BLUEFISH.*

THE U.S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE FIGURES SHOW THAT *COMMERCIAL BASS* LANDINGS IN THE NORTHEAST DROPPED FROM 14 MILLION LBS. IN 1973 TO 4 MILLION LBS. IN 1977.

N.Y. STATE COMMERCIAL BASS FISHING IS WORTH $600,000 PER YEAR WITH 70% OF THE FISH TAKEN BY 50 OR SO LONG ISLAND HAUL SEINERS.

BASS SPORTFISHING IN N.Y. STATE IS WORTH $65 MILLION PER YEAR SUSTAINED BY 250,000 BASS SPORT FISHERMEN OUT OF A TOTAL OF 2.4 MILLION SALTWATER ANGLERS.

"SAVE OUR STRIPERS" A DEDICATED L.I. BASED GROUP OF STRIPER FISHERMEN ADVOCATE RAISING THE N.Y. STATE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FROM *16 TO 26 INCHES* TO GIVE THE YOUNG FEMALES TIME TO REPRODUCE... ALSO DECLARE STRIPED BASS A *STATE GAME FISH*, BANNING COMMERCIAL FISHING AS IN CONNECTICUT, CALIFORNIA AND FLORIDA ... ALSO SET ASIDE PORTIONS OF *THE HUDSON RIVER AS A SANCTUARY* TO PROTECT THE SPAWNING GROUNDS WHERE L.I. SOUND BASS REPRODUCE, SINCE CHESAPEAKE BAY IS NOW IN BIG TROUBLE.

HOW TO HOOK LIVE BAIT FOR LIVE-LINING LATE FALL BASS. HOOKS ARE 4/0 SHORT SHANK TUNA HOOKS.

HOOK FLOUNDER IN WHITE SIDE UP INTO BLACK SIDE.

HOOK BLACKS IN FRONT OF DORSAL FIN.

HOOK EEL THROUGH BOTH LIPS. EELS BEST FOR NIGHT FISHING.

20-40 LB. LEADERS.

THE STATE-FEDERAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OF THE *NAT'L. MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE*, ON A COASTWISE AREA FROM SO. CAROLINA TO MAINE, IS NOW TACKLING THE PROBLEM. *ALL FISHERMEN HOPE FOR A SPEEDY SOLUTION.*

FISH TALK
with William A. Muller

THANKS!

FROM US! As the year draws to a close, we want to take the opportunity to thank all of our readers for support and interest they have shown both this year and in other years. A special thanks to all of you who wrote letters. I can't tell you how valuable they are to us at The Fisherman. Those letters tell us "how we're doin'," as New York City Mayor Koch is prone to say. They also tell us what you'd like to read about and that's very important. I know that many of you were hopeful that your letters would win a Shakespeare Ugly Stik, and I wish that each and every one of you could have won one of these fine fishing rods. In 1981, please keep writing and sharing your time with us.

FROM FRANK DE SANCTIS: "I want to thank you for choosing my question on the moon tides as the July winner of the Ugly Stik contest. I have a question. Earlier this year, the LIF ran an article by Ken Gerhardt on 'Different Jigging Rods, Part I'. Part II was never published the following week which was supposed to be on spinning jigging rods. I built the conventional rod described in Part I and coupled it with a Penn 500 SL Jigmaster reel. The combo is a honey to fish with. The other bone I have to pick with you is why don't we see the Fisherman's Library advertised anymore. Also, how do we go about ordering any of the books that used to be offered in the Library. When we initially subscribed in 1977 we got coupons and an I.D. card, plus a list of the books available. Thanks again for your time and the fishing rod."

YOU'RE RIGHT! We did goof Frank, but now that we are alerted to the mistake we are going to try and run Part II in a winter issue 1981. Much of that material has already been planned, but we think we can sneak it in. As far as The Fisherman Library is concerned, a look through recent issues should confirm that the list is there just in time for Christmas. We hope to have enough books to last through a number of winter issue ads, too.

FROM HENRY COHEN! "I must tell you how pleased I was to receive your letter of 9-22-80. It was most heartening and gave me a lift to realize that I haven't been forgotten and that people are concerned about my being able to get back to fishing. One of the problems that I have is getting on a boat. At Captree Boat Basin, the party boats pull into their slips bow first and have a flight of stairs for boarding the boat. There is no way I can get onto these boats using steps. Years ago, they would pull into the slips stern first and all that I required was a gang plank with rails to get onboard with my wheel chair. In England and Scotland they use gantries to help the disabled on board. The fishing piers are accessible and there is handicapped parking. Perhaps the boat captains could make their boats more accessible if they were aware that this is a problem to those of us who would like to fish and who are limited because we are handicapped. I would very much like to write an article on the problem of fishing for disabled people for LIF. Some friends and I are trying to form an organization that will be a clearing house for information for the disabled and we have garnered a great deal of information about aids for fishing for the disabled, including what is being done in other states where they have built ramps and special stalls for wheel chair fishermen."

LOOKING FORWARD TO IT! We are looking forward to receiving that article Henry, and we're sure that many of our readers will benefit from the re-telling of your experiences as well as the sharing of the clearing house type information on fishing. Hopefully, we'll get it soon so that we can publish it in a winter issue.

FROM A. W. LODATO! "The warnings sounded in your editorial in this week's issue of The Fisherman should be heeded by every sport fisherman (Crisis in the Wings). Sport fishermen in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey will have to get together to support efforts to save our fish stocks and prevent commercial fishermen from dominating our lawmakers. Keep up your vigilance! We sport fishermen are with you." Thanks to all of you who took pen in hand to give us proof positive that recreational fishermen won't be pushed around anymore. You know, this domestic commercial fishing mess has been a surprise to everyone. I guess even though many suspected that our domestic fishermen would expand operations following the passage of the Fisheries Management Act (200-Mile Limit), we assumed that they would do so carefully. After all, didn't they also stand up and object to how the foreigners were raping our shelves of its fish? What we didn't realize is that they intended to replace foreign rape with domestic rape! Well, we smell the future coming now and we aren't about to roll over dead without a fight!

THOUGHTS ON SPORT FISHING! David Niebuhr, like so many of our readers, has been stimulated to a mental review of the commercial vs sport fishing situation. He thinks that a commercial is a commercial and sport fisherman a sport fisherman. We must agree. "After fishing in both fresh and salt water for almost thirty years, both in Nebraska and New York, I have come to look upon the sport fishermen of today with a jaundiced eye. While your Fishing Reports emphasize the exception rather than the rule (I hope when it comes to sizes of catches), it pains me to see pictures of one or two people displaying more fish than they can reasonably consume over a short period of time. The same goes for the reports from charter and party boats. The fact that these people do not, in my opinion, know when to stop is pure gluttony. Haven't they heard of barbless hooks and tagging? I can assure them that the fun is still there and perhaps increased. If these people keep it up with their outlandish catches, some species might go the way of the striped bass. Who is to say that super-sized catches in the past have not been one of the causes of the decline of the magnificent striped bass? as for people with their huge catches, what happens to the fish? If they are relegated to the garbage pail, then the person who caught them should be whipped. If they sell them, they should buy a shipping license, etc. They probably wouldn't be so eager to sell their catch then, because it would become work—hard work! If the fish are given away to friends, relatives, and neighbors and are eaten, fine. I have no quarrel with that, but I still wonder! If I were one of these people I would be ashamed to know that I caught more fish than I could eat in a reasonable period of time. You can always fish again at a later time. Don't be a hog, or at some time in the future, more fish will disappear through this overfishing—coupled with other causes. Also, I take exception to one of your advertisers who states "higher prices than the Fulton Fish Market." This ad encourages the sport fisherman who does not know where to stop to become a commercial fisherman without having to deal with the commercial rules! I realize that you have the right to accept and run any advertisement that you desire, but this one seems to be in direct opposition to your masthead statement "The Largest Weekly Sportfishing Magazine in the United States.' The ad can encourage an over-eager sport fisherman to become a commercial fisherman without knowing it. If you are dead set against commercial fishing by professionals, why do you encourage selling fish by non-professional commercial fishermen with this ad? Do not get me wrong. I am not a commercial fisherman; I fish for sport. If a person wants to fish commercially, fine—as long as that person plays by the rules as stated before. However, if a person wants to sport fish, then the following should be remembered: **1.** sport means recreation, not work; **2.** Do not be a glutton when catching fish. **3.** There are size limits—obey them. I have gone on long enough, but there were some things that I had to get off my chest!"

SOME EXPLANATION! We can't disagree with the basic philosophy of your letter, although we may choose to do so on several specifics. We agree that too many people become part-time commercial fishermen once they learn how to catch fish on a consistent basis. In some sense then, you can blame that on us too, since one of our objectives is to help fishermen become more expert at fishing. However, we do not desire or wish to encourage the evolution of a sport fisherman into a commercial fisherman. It just happens. We suspect that it happens because people are people and they see their catch as either a sign of their ability to conquer the world or as a way to defray costs. It has frequently amazed me that even rather affluent people will state that they sell their catch to help defray costs incurred by fishing. We say nonsense! It costs money to bowl, golf, swim, run, and engage in any recreational activity. We usually don't and we should not expect to get money in return for this. When we do, we turn pro and become commercial whatever! We have explored in our minds many times why many people can't be content with some of the numerous sporting aspects of fishing. Sure, we all need some incentive to fish at times—especially when it's cold and wet. But why, we ask, does it have to be the dollar? Many fishermen join clubs and the competition serves as the incentive. Of course, there's plenty of incentive when it's dry and warm and sunny. We also wonder about the practice of giving away great numbers of fish to neighbors. We have seen many of those fish end up in the garbage, too. Instead, we prefer to release most of our fish. We save those that we wish to eat and when friends and relatives have asked for a fish, we save them too. The remainder are released carefully and we have discovered that saltwater fish release very well when handled properly. Articles about disease in freshwater fish that are released has filtered down to saltwater fishermen and becomes another reason why more fishermen don't release more fish: they think that they'll die anyway. That isn't the case since saltwater fish are stronger against such infection. As far as the ad goes, we can understand how this may seem inconsistent to some readers. In fact, it is inconsistent in an ideal sense. However, one of our goals is to supply our readers with the information they want and need. Believe it or not, our ads serve as important fishing information for many readers. Like it or not then, some of our readers sell their fish and until there is a law against it, it is perfectly legal to do so! We agree that a good solution would be to require a shipping and/or selling permit; that permit should cost about $500 and not $5. Such a license or permit would discourage the fly-by-night occasional commercial fisherman. Once they can't sell their fish easily, they may want to look and listen to new ideas about the meaning of sport fishing. They may rediscover the fun that brought them into fishing in the first place. Hook and line sellers would be recognized as commercial fishermen. They might still want to read LIF because their techniques and approaches are attuned to ours, but they would pay for the privilege of selling everybody's fish. We aren't against commercial fishing or commercial fishermen. We recognize that there is a need to harvest fish for human consumption and needs. What we differ with is where and how that harvesting is done. We don't think harvesting should be allowed during spawning periods on the spawning grounds. We do believe that reasonable minimum size limits should be imposed. We do not believe that inshore dragging should be allowed to continue because of the effects on the complex and delicate environments there and because the economic value of sport fishing exceeds by far that of commercial fishing. Thus, the inshore commercial scene should become a thing of the past. The inshore grounds should become the domain of the sport fisherman. In the process our inshore bottom habitats won't be destroyed either. That will encourage higher productivity. That may seem like a cop-out to your ad objection, but it is the business reality of where we are now. That doesn't mean it won't change tomorrow. Hopefully soon!! Thanks again, everybody, for your thoughts and ideas.

SINKER BOUNCING

(Continued from page 14.)

rail as if there was no tomorrow. The pool fish were usually white hake, which might go anywhere from three pounds up to twenty. By eleven-thirty, we were on our way back, butter tubs filled to brimming with choice whiting. Ah!—those good old days.

Today, though, whiting are not overlooked. Thousands of sinker bouncers take advantage of the good fishing, and unlike the days when old-time skippers were hard-pressed to find enough whiting fishermen to make it pay, there is much interest in the sport. And many of these fishermen are beginners. They know which side of the bread their butter is on.

As noted, most whiting fishing is done from party boats. The weather is so unpredictable at this time of year, it can be quite dangerous for all but the most experienced fishermen who seek whiting on their own. Unless you fall into this category, do your whiting fishing aboard party boats. Not only is it safer, but you'll catch fish. No one is going to beat the professional party boat skipper at his own game.

Because cod are always a possibility when whiting fishing in late fall and winter, it is best to use conventional tackle. Forget spinning gear—it will cause heartaches. Many fishermen of my acquaintance use heavy cod tackle exclusively, but I believe medium-weight gear will get by okay. Fill the reel (preferably one having a star drag) with good quality thirty pound test mono—at least 150 yards. (Twenty pound test will do, but there is always that cod possibility.) You won't use all 150 yards, of course, but it will build up the spool, making it easier and quicker to reel in your fish. Because you'll be fishing water ranging from sixty to one hundred feet in depth, anything you do to make it less tiring will be an aid throughout the day.

Necessary sinker weight is up for grabs. So much depends on the existing fishing conditions of the day, it is difficult to pinpoint the exact weight needed to hold bottom. From my own experience, though, I would say a bank or diamond sinker weighing from six to eight ounces should get you by. Much whiting fishing is done by drifting and you should take this into consideration when rigging up. But I wouldn't concern myself too much about it because help, in the form of a fellow passenger or the mate, will help out on this.

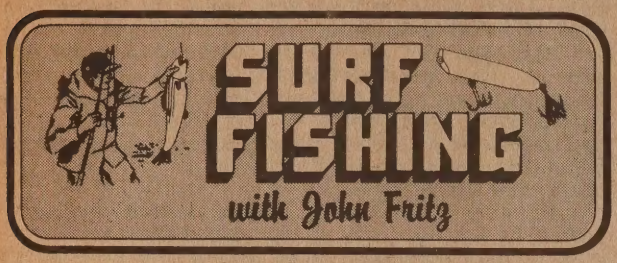
As for rigging up, there's no problem at all. Use the popular hi-lo rig. Tie in the bottom hook about three inches above the sinker (for possible ling), and the top hook high enough to clear the first without tangling. Most whiting will be caught on this hook—cod, too.

As for hooks—here, too, there is no great problem. Some fellows feel that because whiting have needle-sharp teeth, they are better off using a long-shanked hook. I don't subscribe to this, for in all my years of whiting fishing, I have never been bitten and I always use a regular-shanked 3/0 or 4/0 Sproat hook. But to each his own. I don't think one hook will produce more whiting than another as long as it is near the required size. In fact, whiting are such eager-beavers, many fellows flash a diamond jig two feet or so off bottom and often do better than bait fishermen.

As for bait, any type of fish or clam will do. We always used skimmer years ago, and never considered slicing up a whiting because we simply didn't know that doing so made better bait. But you'll find that nothing catches whiting as well as another piece of whiting sliced into two inch strips, a half-inch or so wide. Just run the hook through several times and make sure the barb is exposed. Makes for instant hooking. If you decide to use a multi-hook rig, baiting this way will ensure the bet.

So, for you fellows who are looking for a worthwhile fish to give you plenty of action, don't overlook the whiting. The time is at hand. Check The Fisherman's ads for those boats that fish for whiting and give it a try...and may those empty buckets forever stay away from your door.

As the time approaches when we turn to the last page of the 1980 calendar, one becomes aware that signs of impending winter have been with us for some time. Most dawns are accompanied with frosted windshields and an interval of chill before the car's heater produces sufficient warmth to dispel the cold. A few persistent leaves still cling to the skeletal outlines of the once-flourishing trees, but most have been shed, raked



THE LAST FLING

and shipped to modern society's answer to all waste—the town dump. The waterfront areas of the Island are void of the bustle of a few months prior, with the lonely beachcomber serenaded by the persistent surf, the cries of the ever-present gulls, or the distant echo of a waterfowler's gun. The vast majority of surfmen have ceased to ply the water's edge, content to bide one's time till the awakening of spring some five months in the future. There is that breed of angler who feels he must fill every moment God has given him in doing what he loves best. These hardy souls will brave chilled temperatures and blustery winds fortified in the knowledge that game fish still prowl the surf line comfortable in their temperate environment, little affected by winter's initial stages.

During the course of the season, incentive, if not self-sustaining, was constantly present in the form of radio and newspaper reports. Add to that the most important stimulus of all, "Hey buddy, let's get down the beach tonight. They got fish there last night." As the passing days eat into the month of November, this inducement must be almost totally self-generating, for the vast majority of surfmen have cut the tape while the fishing columns have directed their attention to the latest scores in the North Woods rather than the South Shore beaches. For the surfman who does make the effort, the rewards can be twofold: excellent catches of game fish ravenously preparing for winter on isolated beaches with the freedom to fish as one desires.

As a general rule, this late season surf fishing will produce better results if practiced on either end of the Island. Montauk Point and the northern coast of Southold Township are the last beaches to be brushed by these schools of fish in their eastward journey from Long Island Sound and Peconic Bay to the more moderate climes of the ocean. Bluefishing from the Sound beaches along the North Fork has been known to continue into mid-November with the less aggressive bass waiting in the wings to take over the better rips and points after the blues depart. This same pattern holds true for Montauk with decent striper fishing occurring well into December. Aside from this, rumors abound of schools of game fish recklessly chasing bait along the eastern beaches during Christmas Week. Admittedly, the extent of fishing possibilities is related to the severity of the autumn weather and with the press of family duties during the Holiday Season confirmed reports are difficult to come by.

On the opposite end of Long Island, striped bass supposedly returning to their winter habitat in the Hudson linger along the Staten Island beaches adding the final layers of fat before entering their semi-dormant state till spring. The piers and docks of the New York Harbor complex yield school bass into the New Year.

Fishing bottom at this late stage of the season is a demanding undertaking pursued by few surfmen. The chilling temperatures soon takes its toll of anyone standing inactive for an extended period of time. Luckily, there is little need to endure the discomfort of biding one's time waiting for a rod tip to spring to life, for late season game fish are active feeders willing to strike a wide variety of artificial lures.

Along the Sound beaches, Rebel-type plugs are favored in many areas, closely followed by metal-lipped swimming plugs similar to the Atom 40 or its smaller brother, the Junior Atom. During those occasions when a strong current is encountered, plugs such as the bottle or darter will produce better results. Since there is a rather broad variation in the action and depth at which the last two types of plugs operate, care should be taken to choose the lure best suited for a particular area at a specific stage of the tide. For instance, it's general knowledge that a bottle plug will dive deeper than a darter and the Gibbs bottle with its wider mouth will catch more water, therefore dig deeper than the more streamlined Super Strike. Add to this a fast moving current which, in many cases, will cause the bottle to dive to the bottom and snag one of the numerous boulders for which this area is known. By the same token, the Super Strike darter because of its wider body and lip will tend to swim at a greater depth than the Gibbs darter. A selection of this type lure in differing sizes will enable an angler to continue using a productive model through the course of a tide. For as the depth of the water drops, a more shallow running plug can be substituted.

On frequent occasions during the daylight hours, popping plugs—especially the tantalizing Pencil Popper—will take fish. While it is rewarding to see a game fish smash a surface lure, a less exhilarating but often more productive lure is the metal squid. The variety and types of these lures are many, but the consistent catches attributed to the Hopkins No Eql year in and year out is hard to beat. Its durability, particularly when fished in rocky areas where the hard stainless is not affected by being bounced off a rock, is well known. A favorite technique used to good advantage in locations not heavily infested with rocks is to allow the tin to sink to the bottom. The retrieve is little more than a gradual drag along the bottom, periodically interrupted by a slight twitch of the rod tip.

There are numerous locations along the Southold shore line from which to catch fish. Rather than take the time here to compile a list, it would be advisable to search out the area on one's own. Obtain a road map of the area, one that lists the local streets if possible, and spend a day driving through this pretty countryside keeping a log of likely fishing areas. Try to find roads that lead to points of land, for these projections are normally strewn with boulders through which a constricted current is forced, forming ideal locations for game fish to await the tide-washed bait. Along this stretch of beach the ebb tide is more favored especially if accompanied by blustery east or northeast winds which presents the desired wind-against-tide situation creating the white water so often necessary to fool a wary lunker.

Jumping over to the South Fork and its famous setting, Montauk, which while more limited in total area contains some of the finest locations to fish from the surf on Long Island. Starting at Shagwong, which reportedly is a dynamite place on a stiff northwest wind late in the season, around the Lighthouse to the sandy beaches west of Ditch Plains, which can be patrolled by buggy seeking signs of activity within casting distance of the sand, this entire area offers something for all. Fall fishing at Montauk generally means big plugs and heavy tackle, although I'm sure that when the beaches are vacant, some anglers will prefer the added thrill of fighting a game fish on light tackle. While the color yellow seems to be the overwhelming favorite at Montauk, there are occasions when plugs tinted blue or brown are more productive. This, of course, is contingent on the type of bait present, the cloud cover or the amount of light existing when fishing at night. Normally an angler recently arrived at the Point will begin by using yellow darters or bottle plugs only to start changing colors if no action is forthcoming. In areas or times of weak currents, surface swimming, lipped plugs are often brought into play. Daylight activity is handled mostly with standard versions of popping plugs and tins. At times of strong onshore winds, heavier and

more streamlined lures such as the Polaris or the J-8 which offer less resistance to the wind are preferred.

Two popular lures not often associated with Montauk surfcasting are the bucktail and Krocodile spoon. The former is often deadly when used under the Light. White is the preferred color and contrary to standard practice, it can be fished unadorned by a strip of pork rind. The use of this lure among the weed covered rocks found in front of the Light requires a certain knack. Understandably it cannot be bounced along the bottom—the technique suggested when fishing in sandy areas. The retrieve should be fairly rapid, while still allowing the bucktail to dart close to the rocks. This tricky maneuver often results in the loss of lures, but that is part of the game which must be tolerated if success is to be achieved. Anglers fishing this lure use particular shaped bucktails favoring the bullnosed over the narrow Upperman type head.

The Krocodile spoon, for those unfamiliar with its qualities, is polished stainless steel fashioned in a thickness and weight which allows the caster a considerable heave, while ideally simulating such baitfish as snappers or small bunker. Again, this lure should be retrieved at a fairly rapid rate to avoid snagging when fishing rocky bottom regions. By replacing the treble hook found on the lure when purchased with a single hook this problem can be diminished.

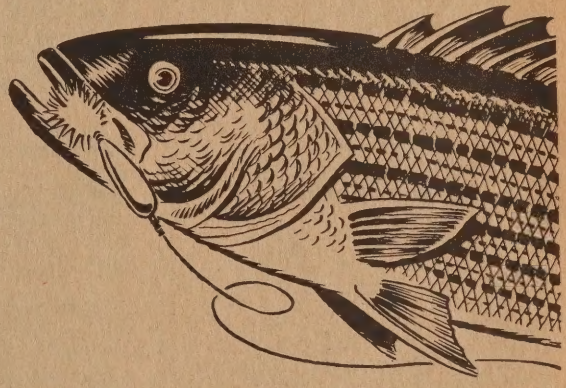
Theoretically strong onshore winds push the bait and therefore, the game fish into the beach within reach of the shore-bound angler. Occasionally these winds can be so severe as to create problems for surfmen attempting to cast a plug into the teeth of the wind. During daylight hours suitable tins can readily be substituted for the more popular poppers. At night the choice is not as obvious, but the selection can still be metal. Instead of using the standard chrome tins, it is often better to use tins painted either white or yellow. A supply of previously painted tins can be prepared beforehand, thereby utilizing old forgotten tins from which the chrome finish has peeled.

Once again the ebb tide is preferred by the majority of anglers fishing Shagwong, North Bar, False Bar and Jones Reef, although there are times when the incoming water will produce at Jones and in Clark's Cove. The area under the Light, on the other hand, is generally favored on the top of the flooding tide, while the sandy beaches to the west can harbor fish on any tide.

From the picturesque East End we now travel to the extreme western tip of the Island where bass linger well into the winter among the swirling waters in the shadow of Manhattan's skyscrapers. Brooklyn's 69th Street pier, the Manhattan anchorage of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Hudson River piers at 125th Street are but a few of the more popular spots from which school bass are frequently taken.

Light bucktails and small Rebel-type swimming plugs are chosen by many, but sand worms when available, drifted into the currents readily produce rewarding catches when the fish are present. One variation, which I am told is popular with local anglers, is to secure a sinker to one eye of a three-way swivel. From a second eye, attach a three foot leader, to the end of which a small Rebel floater or better yet healthy sand worms secured on a single hook. This rig is lowered towards the bottom with the lure or bait allowed to drift with the current back among the pilings. It would seem that this could be a tricky maneuver with the exceptionally strong currents encountered in the East River, but friends of mine have seen this technique practiced with good results from the abandoned pier at the foot of Montgomery Street on the Lower East Side.

During the past few years substantial numbers of striped bass have been plying the waters around Manhattan Isle. For those of you working in the City, the practice of carrying some gear in the trunk of the car when going to work might be just the ticket to break the dreary routine—eight hours work followed by endless traffic home. A stop along the waterfront for an hour or two after work will allow the homebound traffic to ease and result in some lively sport heretofore thought to resume in the distant spring. On the other hand, that flock of gulls seen wheeling and diving does not necessarily mean they are picking over tidbits of garbage. Look closely at the splashes under the birds, for now and then it will be bass chasing bait, reminiscent of those good times years ago when such scenes were commonplace. On second thought, maybe you had better not look, for explaining to the boss the reason for being hours late for work might not be taken with gentle understanding.



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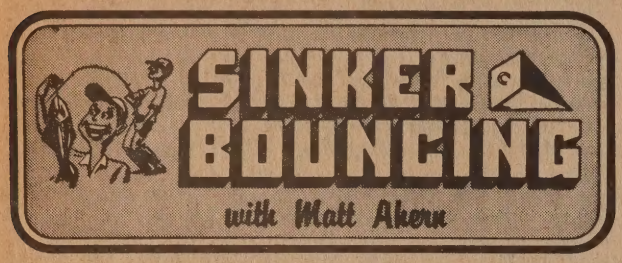

WHITING FISHING

Many beginning sinker bouncers admit they dunk bait only for fish considered by others as easy to catch. Question these beginners and you'll find their explanation quite easy to understand. They don't relish the thought of inviting empty buckets and, perhaps, the derisive slings and arrows of unthinking family and friends. Let sleeping dogs lie, they figure. It has always been so, this faintheartedness, this timidity and lack of confidence in one's fishing ability. And lest we advanced fishermen feel smug in our attitudes toward these fellows, I'm sure few among us have escaped these apprehensive thoughts at one time or another. Therefore, let us not scoff.

And because of this timorous attitude held by many beginners, you'll find them wary of those bottom feeders which often require previous experience and expertise for best results—cod and blackfish, for instance. For these sinker bouncers, any fishing opportunity which will strengthen shaky confidence receives priority.

There's certainly nothing wrong with that. A beginner's interest should be high in those fish which, when given half a chance, seem willing to cooperate and instill that much desired confidence. I'm all for this fellow—for how else does he gain a solid fishing foundation?

As a kid, I was one of the most enthusiastic inshore bergall fishermen you ever saw. Just knowing there was something down there willing to take me on, no matter what, was all I needed to set me off seeking greener pastures. Those bergalls which in later years were often looked upon with jaundiced eyes, were then a blessing in disguise. This little bait-stealer's willing cooperation proved I really could catch fish after all.

Now, I'm not implying that beginning fishermen who lack faith in their ability should dunk bait for bergalls. Perish the thought! But even so, I believe that to do so would most assuredly sharpen reflexes needed to set the hook in other lightning-swift bait-stealers: porgies, for instance. However, be that as it may, there are more desirable fish available to "practice" on, fish which do fill buckets for those sinker bouncers among us with little or no experience—and for Ye of little faith, willing biters known to halt those distressing slings and arrows dead in their tracks.

One of these fish is the greedy ling, and the other, the whiting. As ling fishing has only recently been discussed in Issue #43, we'll forget about "Greedy Gus" for now and concentrate on whiting.

And before we get to the how-to and where-to of whiting fishing, let me digress a minute, take time out, and break bread between us. There's nothing like setting the record straight.

Most fishermen in the game for any length of time know that our whiting isn't a whiting at all. It is a silver hake. I say this knowing full well that if you go around calling a whiting a silver hake, your buddies are going to look at you a little funny. So, for the record, we'd best continue to call this fish by its accepted name.

And while we're on this interesting subject of nomenclature, perhaps we should delve further, for all additional knowledge is grist to the mill of a dedicated fisherman. Our pot-bellied friend, the ling, is actually a red hake. The true ling is a burbot, a fish found in deep freshwater lakes and sharing a distant relationship with our Atlantic cod. (Otsego Lake in Cooperstown is one where, for want of a better name, it is called a dogfish.)

A true whiting is actually that scrappy summertime resident of the surf and inshore waters we fishermen erroneously call the kingfish. A true kingfish is a good-sized member of the mackerel family and seldom caught in our local waters. Confusing? I guess so; it's enough to make a guy's head swim.

Why some effort isn't made to keep the record straight is beyond me; but I guess it never will for the habit of accepting local names is too deeply entrenched. But I do think it would make things easier all around—at least there would be better understanding and less error.

With that bit of griping out of the way, let's get on with our whiting fishing.

If a contest were to be held among sinker bouncers as to which is the most popular—the ling, or the whiting—I would be sore put to cast my vote. I know there still exists much unfair prejudice against ling, most of which has come down through the years, and is even bandied about by fishermen who have never caught a ling. Which is a shame. There is nothing wrong with ling and I'll fish for them at the proverbial drop of a hat, as will thousands of other fishermen.

But when it comes to whiting, nary a disparaging word will you hear, for when first lifted aboard, they are indeed beautiful fish to behold. In fact, old-timers appreciated this fact so well, they called our whiting the winter weakfish. (Here we go again with another off-beat name.) And whiting are just as bait-greedy as their homely cousins, the ling. In fact, in this respect, if whiting are around, you will have difficulty not catching them should you, for instance, be seeking cod. Years ago we never fished cod over known whiting grounds just for that reason.

In the mid-Twenties when I first began party boat fishing, whiting didn't enjoy the popularity they do today. There were, of course, whiting-fishing party boats, but these never carried the swinging loads of fishermen as did those boats seeking cod. Nor do I recall ever spending time whiting fishing on those rare days which produced poor codfishing. We did fill in with ling, though, whenever it was necessary to put something in the bucket. Why whiting were overlooked, I don't know.

But even in those days of superb codfishing, whiting did have many enthusiastics. And because of this, during November and December, several Sheepshead Bay party boats offered half-day trips for whiting. I made many a trip aboard these boats. The fare was one dollar; the pool a quarter. The morning trip left about seven o'clock, and by eight-fifteen at the latest, we'd be fishing the black can side of Ambrose Channel and swinging whiting over the

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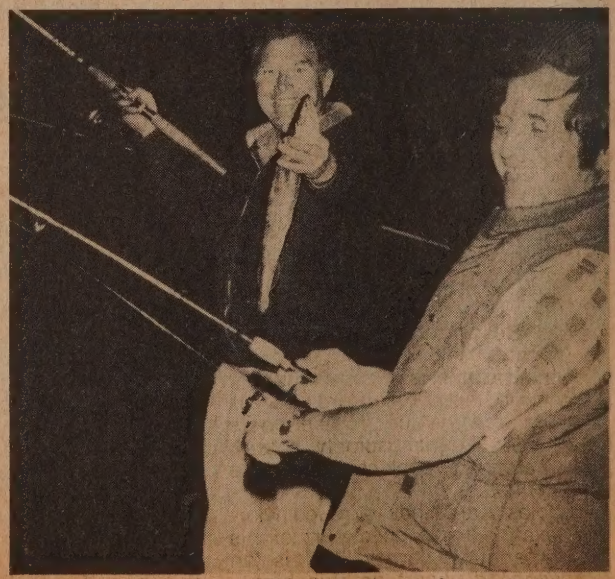


A nice whiting brings smiles to the faces of these anglers.

Fireside Reading

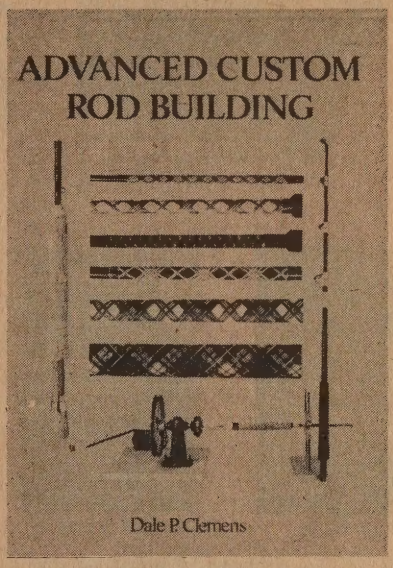
Part Two — by Fred Golofaro

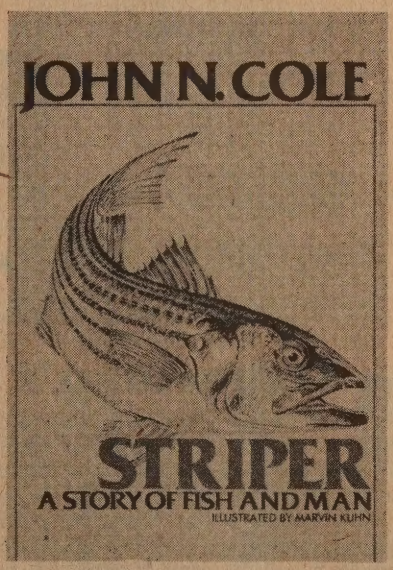
In Part Two of "Fireside Reading," we'll hit upon a pair of the most concise works ever compiled on the subject of rod building and also take a look at a book that has all of the answers to whatever you want to know about shark fishing. We will review two books on the striped bass: one a comprehensive piece detailing the tackle and methods used to take this magnificent fish, and the other a highly acclaimed, best selling story of the fish and man. Finally, we take a peek at a big-selling paperback which has served as a complete reference and how-to guide for thousands of anglers in fresh water and salt.

Dale P. Clemens took all of the guesswork out of rod making when he first published **FIBERGLASS ROD MAKING** back in 1974. Now in its sixth printing, the 189 p. hard cover book is as hot an item on book store shelves as ever. Through hundreds of step-by-step photographs and well organized text, Mr. Clemens explains in detail every conceivable aspect of fiberglass rod building. The book contains all you will need to know about selection and quality of components, where to get your components, and how to plan and assemble a rod. The author covers a full range of outfits, from the lightest fly rod to the heaviest big game outfit. Also of interest is a color section displaying twenty-four decorative wraps which will help add some individuality to your custom rod. The heavily illustrated book retails for $10.

For those who have progressed to a point in angling where they require a rod which reflects their own special desires and needs, Dale Clemens has published the perfect book. **ADVANCED CUSTOM ROD BUILDING** picks up where **FIBERGLASS ROD MAKING** left off. The author provides his expertise on working with modern blanks constructed of "S" glass and graphite, as well as with ancient bamboo. Best of all are the series of sophisticated wraps which include chevrons, tartans, and diamonds. All are finely detailed to ensure success for even the novice rod builders among us. The handsomely bound, 354 p. hard cover book carries a price tag of $14.95.

Nicholas Karas has pursued Morone Saxatilis for a good part of his lengthy angling career. He is an acknowledged expert on this highly acclaimed game fish and in **THE COMPLETE BOOK OF THE STRIPED BASS**, Mr. Karas shares his limitless experience with the reader. His thorough treatise on striped bass angling techniques removes some of the mystique for anglers not fortunate enough to have the time or the means required to score consistently with "Roccus." Providing a complete description of the fish itself and the environment it inhabits, there is no more thorough a work available on this magnificent game fish. From fly rodding to the crashing surf, this 365 page, generously illustrated book says all there is to say about the striper. It carries a hard cover price of $10, while soft cover copies retail for $5.95.





STRIPER by John N. Cole deserves to be read for its literary qualities alone. Beyond this point, the book is a masterpiece in which the author, a former Long Island haul seiner, reflects on the fragile umbilical cord which connects man and all creatures. The author demonstrates in his own sensitive way, a deep compassion and understanding for all forms of life. With masterful strokes, he relates the parallels of a species headed for doom with man's own headlong rush into oblivion. The sincerity of his message is best demonstrated by a quote from his best seller: "Along with Jim, Peter and Ted and the good friends I fished with during that luminous seven years at the Atlantic's rim, the striped bass will also die. After that, I am not certain I shall want to live." A must-read, the book sells for $10.

SPORTFISHING FOR SHARKS by Captain Frank Mundus and Bill Wisner covers every aspect of the sport imaginable. The book provides detailed coverage of such vital topics as tackle, baits, chum, fighting and landing tactics, and eating preparation. It also includes chapters on eight individual species of sharks, including a close-up look at the Great White. If shark fishing is already your passion, then you can count on having learned a whole new bag of tricks by the time you've digested the contents of this book's 380 pp. If you're a novice to sharking, then I can think of no better place for you to get your indoctrination. For $4.95 (soft cover), it's certainly an inexpensive start.

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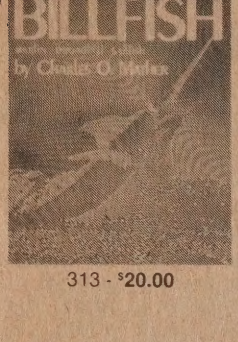

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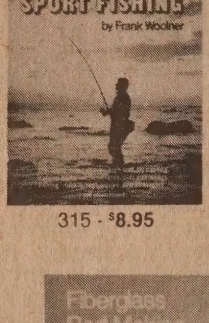

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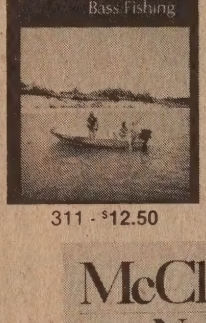

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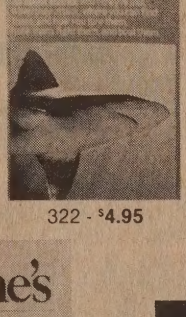

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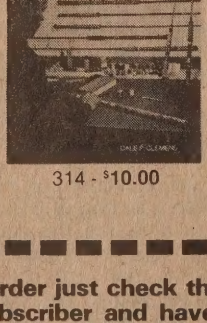

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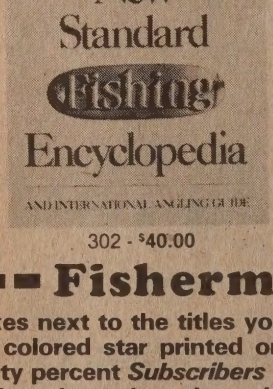

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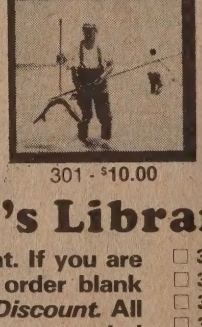

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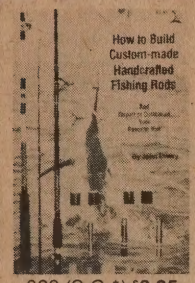

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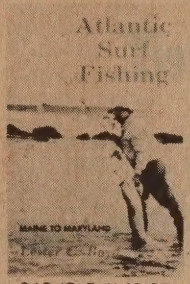

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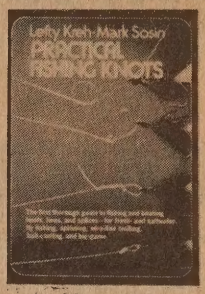

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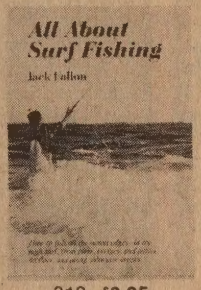

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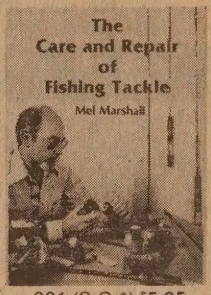

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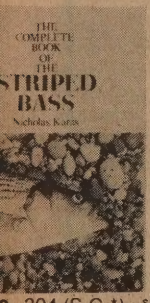

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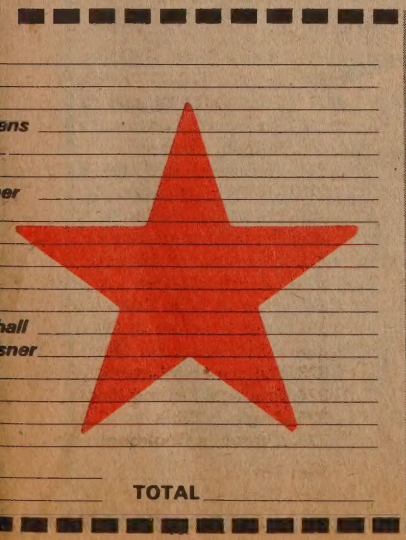


ROAD TO GOOD DINING

by Dr. Einar F. Grell

When you catch your fish what do you do with them so that you can thoroughly enjoy eating them? If they taste poorly after freezing, thawing out, and cooking, you probably can improve upon the manner in which you prepare them. There are many simple procedures you can follow which will improve the final outcome: the eating of your fish.

I have listed, in order, the variety of ways which I feel yields the most edible portions of your catch as well as being most tasty. Recently, after a sloppy weakfish preparation I was prepared to "meet my Maker" after swallowing a fairly large weakfish bone from a thawed-out steak. If you have experienced similar moments of truth in eating your piscatorial denizens of the deep—read on. You can improve upon your preparation of fish to be eaten.

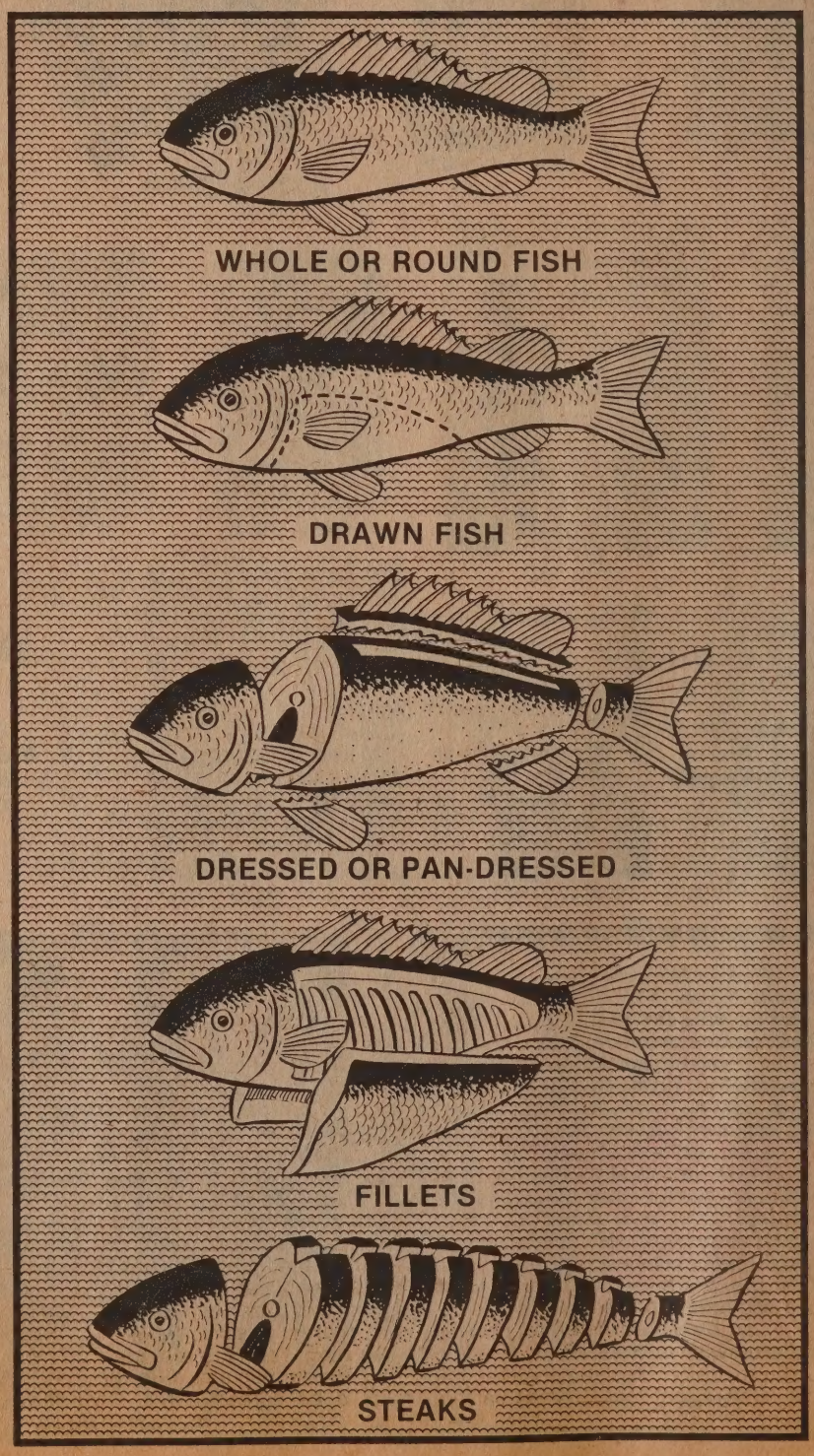
The following methods for preparing fish are based upon a format which takes you from preparing fish with no bones, to those procedures that will result in fish with some bones in them. Remember that if you freeze fish with bones, the freezing procedure does not eliminate the bones; they will still be there when you thaw, cook, and eat. So beware—don't be done in by the fish you caught several weeks before.

Once you have caught your fish and placed them on ice, you should decide before surgery (fish cleaning) which of the following methods you are going to employ for putting your fish into the freezer for future eating. Are you going to put the **whole** fish into the freezer? Are you going to **pan-dress**, **make steaks**, **fillet** them or employ the **drawn method** where whole fish with their guts and entrails removed are frozen. To help in your decision-making, I have listed as follows the methods with edible portions available in approximate percentages.

WHOLE FISH METHOD. As fish come from the water, the entire fish is frozen. The edible portion of fish caught is about forty percent.

DRAWN FISH METHOD. Whole fish are frozen after guts and entrails have been removed. Edible portion of fish caught using this procedure is about fifty percent.

DRESSED or PAN-DRESSED. The whole fish with head, fins, tail, scales, guts and entrails removed. Edible portion of fish is about seventy



percent.

FILLET METHOD. The sides of the fish are cut lengthwise away from the backbone. Edible portion is one hundred percent.

You decide what you are going to do and study sketches of illustrated methods.

Cleaning and Dressing Your Fish.

1. We will assume that you have caught your fish and they have been placed on ice until the time that you are ready to clean and dress them. The smart fisherman always places his freshly caught fish on ice. Did you ever eat a bluefish that has been lying around in the sun or in a hot fish box from early morning till late afternoon on a hot summer day with the fish being cleaned in the late afternoon? Did you smell the flesh of the fish? Everyone who eats fish should be aware of the simple fact that all fish have bacteria on their skin which multiples rapidly on the fish when he has died. Bluefish and weakfish are highly susceptible to a fast rate of decay. If you are like most of us, your cleaning will take place at dockside or after you weigh in your prize catch. Also, most wives do not appreciate your dropping dead fish into their kitchen sinks for a blood-and-guts cleaning session. Neither do they like the placing of fish entrails in garbage cans for garbage pick-up—which is hardly ever on weekends. More than once, I have found my codfish entrails on my neighbor's lawn and the neighborhood cats enjoying a fish-burger banquet on the street. The smells are something else??! For those fishermen who bury fish guts, make sure that they are buried at least one-and-a-half to two feet deep. It is truly amazing how long deeply buried, dead fish smells can haunt your back or front yard.

2. Wash your fish off and remove the scales of the fish by scraping the fish gently from tail to tail with the dull edge of your knife.

3. Remove the guts (entrails) of the fish after cutting the entire length of the belly from the vent (rear opening) to the head. Remove the head by cutting above the collarbone.

4. Break the backbone with head attached over the edge of your cutting board.

5. Remove the large back (dorsal) fin by cutting the fish along each side of the back fin and pull the fin out of the fish. Fin bones can be real chokers after cooking and eating since they are usually forgotten. Never trim the fins of the fish off with your fillet knife or with shears because the bones at the base of the fin will be left in the fish for a future attack on your digestive system when you eat him.

6. Thoroughly wash the fish in cold running water. The fish is now dressed or pan dressed.

7. Large dressed fish may now be cut crosswise into steaks for freezing if you so desire. I recommend that you cut steaks between three-quarters to one inch thick.

8. If you desire to fillet your fish, make sure that your knife is extremely sharp. This fact cannot be over-emphasized. Purchase an oil stone for honing your knife. Cut down the back of your fish from the tail to the head. Then cut down to the backbone just above the collarbone. (See illustrated sketch.) Turn your knife flat and cut the flesh along the backbone to the tail allowing your knife to run over the rib bones. Lift off the entire side of the fish in one piece, freeing the fillet from the carcass at the tail. Turn the fish over and cut another fillet from the other side.

9. If you desire to skin the fillets, lay a fillet flat on the cutting board, skin side down; hold the tail end with your fingers and cut the flesh away from the skin by running the knife forward while holding the free end of the skin firmly between your fingers. You have a complete fillet at this stage. Edible portion is one hundred percent—and no bones.

10. After you have prepared your fish for freezing, it is a good and wise practice to give your prepared fillets and steaks a quick thirty-second to one minute dip in a five percent salt solution before wrapping and freezing. A five percent salt solution is easily made by mixing two-thirds of a cup of salt in one gallon of water. This little extra bit of food chemistry is worth every second in future eating pleasure, improving the taste of frozen fish tremendously. Some old salts employ fresh sea water for the same wrapping and freezing procedure. Whatever method you use do not neglect this aspect.

Wrapping, Freezing and Storing. Fish to be frozen should be placed in moisture/vapor-resistant coverings so as to make packages of fish air-tight as well as preventing drying that can take place. It is the drying out which can take place in your freezer from poor wrapping that makes thawed out fish taste undesirable. Individual fish steaks and fillets should have two layers of waxed paper placed between them so that the individual frozen pieces can be separated easily. When you have accomplished the preceding, you are now ready to wrap your fish in freezer paper. Moisture/vapor-resistant paper, as well as freezer paper can be purchased from any reliable grocery store. When wrapping your fish make sure that the moisture-proof paper is pulled tight to drive out the air. Make your packages smooth so that they pack together snugly. Label your packages with permanent (indelible) marker so that you know what is in them and the date at which you froze them. There is nothing more frustrating than looking foward to a striped bass dinner only to find out that your wife has prepared baked mackerel from a non-labeled package of frozen fish that has been in the freezer for several months.

Putting Your Fish in the Freezer. Packages of fish placed in the freezer should be spread out so that they

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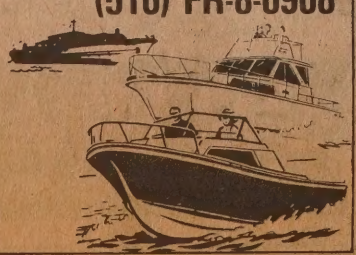

freeze rapidly. Don't pile them on top of each other. Frost free freezers have a built-in fan for circulation of air. If your freezer does not have this feature, it isn't a bad idea to purchase a small electric fan which you can place in your freezer so as to keep air moving over the packages until they are reduced to storage temperatures. When storage temperature is reached—which should be 0° F. or lower, you can remove the fan. This entire procedure should not take more than twenty-four hours. The results in freezing and future eating are well worth the extra effort.

Recommended storage time for home frozen fish held at 0° F. is in the six to nine month range, with nine months the safe maximum. If you haven't eaten your fish after nine months, you probably will never eat them. Taste diminishes rapidly as you approximate this latter period of storage. A standard rule in our household is eat fish as close to the time of catch as possible, especially with regards to oily fish such as mackerel and dark, flesh-colored fish like bluefish. Fish whose flesh is white in color such as codfish, flounder, fluke and striped bass can be eaten after considerable storage time—up to nine months. Remember that there is a certain degree of bacterial decay taking place in all frozen fish.

Thawing Fish Out for Cooking. Most frozen fish may be cooked either with or without previous thawing. Frozen fish steaks and fillets may be cooked as if they were in the unfrozen form if additional cooking time is allowed. When fish are to be breaded and fried or stuffed, it is more convenient to thaw them out first to make handling easier. Frozen fish should be thawed out in your refrigerator in their original wrappings. For best quality and taste, cook your thawed fish immediately. **Never refreeze thawed out fish which you cannot eat.** The bacterial increase is great!

Highly Recommended Procedures.

1. Do not constantly raise and lower storage temperatures in your freezer for the simple reason that this procedure causes fish to lose quality and food value; also taste decreases quite rapidly.

2. What you place in your freezer should be very clean. Remember that freezing fish does not sterilize it and render it bacteria free. All that extreme cold does is to slow down the changes which take place. This freezing procedure reduces spoilage.

3. All fish to be frozen should be chilled quickly. There are countless simple methods for making big ice cubes at home: placing two-gallon plastic buckets in your deep freeze, cardboard milk containers with water frozen, large plastic Pepsi or Coca-Cola bottles with water, etc. The important factor here is that you don't catch bluefish or weakfish at 8AM and allow them to ferment in the sun all day in large sun-drenched barrels, fish wells or bags and then late in the afternoon you clean and dress them. As stated before, there is bacteria on and in all fish with the bacterial decay rate rather rapid in certain species. The smells emanating from certain species which are allowed to go this route should tell you something. If this method of storage is yours, it is a bad one. Let your nose be your guide here.

4. When wrapping your fish package, wrap them in quantities to be cooked at one time. If you are a half pound fillet eater, what do you need with three pounds of fillets unless you have a monstrous-sized pet? Be conservative in your eating habits and don't waste fish. Remember that you went to considerable expense and effort to catch them—a factor often forgotten at the dinner table or when you give your fish away to your friends.

5. Protect the fish you freeze by employing the recommended storage materials. Proper packaging of fish prevents drying out and prevents air from entering the closed package, causing oxidation. Don't just throw your fish into the freezer in a loosely wrapped bag.

6. Label each package with a notation as to the kind of fish enclosed and the date of the catch so that you will eat your longer stored fish first.

7. Limit the amount of frozen fish at one time in your home freezer to approximately two pounds per cubic foot of total storage space. Place unfrozen packages of fish against refrigerated surfaces where possible. Arrange your packages of frozen fish in such a way that they do not touch any packages of frozen food already stored in the freezer. If necessary, use a board or heavy cardboard between the frozen and unfrozen packages to prevent them from coming in contact with each other.

8. Freeze and store at 0° F. or lower.

9. Limit your storage time to no longer than nine months. The sooner you eat them, the better the taste.

10. Cook thawed fish promptly and do not refreeze fish that have been thawed out unless you have a self-destructive tendency.

In conclusion, review your methods for preparing fish for future eating. I am sure that all of us can improve with our methods for better eating. After all, the joy of catching should be culminated with the joy of eating our catch. It is a good feeling and there is no better food for humans than fish. Since most of us cannot eat all of our day's catch at one sitting, we should give considerable thought to how we are going to prepare and store these future eating pleasures. If we are not interested in future meals, we should then cultivate the habit of releasing our catches—concentrating on the sole pleasures derived from the catch. If we eat fish, then they should be prepared in such a way that we receive high eating pleasures. Good fishing.

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WHAT'S NEW IN LURES?

Part Two — by Al Ristori

In continuing our discussion on metal jigs, we can hardly overlook Hopkins. That Virginia firm has been making high quality stainless steel casting lures for a long time, and are the most famous name in that field. Their lures can also be used for jigging, though they often aren't as effective in deep water due to the slow sinking rate provided by the flat sides. Their only new introduction of note was a one-quarter ounce 22K gold-plated Shorty. Another strong competitor in the field of casting metal is Luhr Jensen. Their Krocodiles are catching on fast along the East Coast. Another top standard is the Acme Kastmaster.

The other logical way to duplicate sand eels is with the tubes on an umbrella rig. Indeed, it's usually hard to beat a good umbrella rig when the fish are on sand eels—and lately that's been the case most of the time. The undisputed king of umbrellas is ex-Montauk Captain John Sekora. John makes good sturdy rigs that are in use throughout Long Island and are spreading to every other coastal area in the country. John's tubes are also very special, and he's just come up with some slim models that should be even better killers. Among those providing some competition in this area are Tri-Fin, Spider and J&B. The most romantic aspect of the lure business involves plugs, which are a pleasure to look at as well as to use. This is especially true of wood plugs. Surprisingly many of the saltwater plugs on the market are still made of wood—whereas the much larger freshwater plug market is almost one hundred percent plastics. While the big names in saltwater plugs include Atom, Stan Gibbs and Danny, there are new firms coming into the market every year. Among the newest is Barry Davis' Linesider Company. These well-made wooden plugs cover just about all the bases and include even a saltwater propeller plug: the one ounce Prop-Job.

Atom's latest entries are jigs, rather than plugs. Both the Thunder Strike and Serpen-Tail feature plastic tails. Boone, a Florida company that's trying to regain its position in this market, is very big in both plugs and jigs. The Zig-Zagger is similar to the Zara Spook and a very fine surface commotion lure. The Needlefish is an old favorite among Jersey surfcasters in the fall. However, Boone is probably best known for Tout jigs—soft-bodied shrimp tails on well painted jig heads that are killers on weakfish and school stripers. A relatively new area for Boone is the offshore, high-speed trolling market. Their Striper trolling lures are very attractive and feature smooth grommets in their heads to eliminate leader wear.

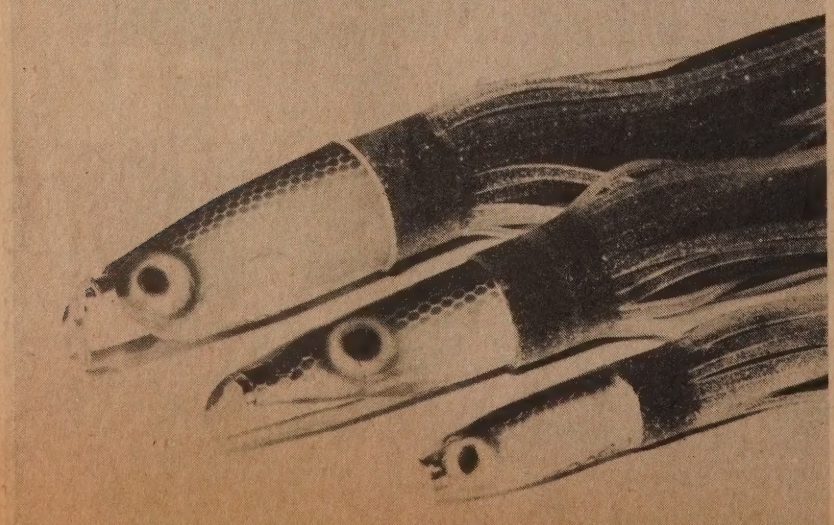
Before getting away from plugs, let's remember that not all good saltwater plugs for this area are made by local firms. The L&S Mirrolures are sure killers on almost any game fish throughout the world. They're hard to beat when weaks and stripers are chasing bait other than sand eels. Cotton Cordell's RedFin has become one of the best known "minnow" lures in our area, along with the Rapala and Rebel. Cotton also turns out Pencil Poppers and the more conventional Near Nuthin' popper in plastic and is making some of his saltwater lures in the new Balsa-Lite material. Among these is a big RedFin Deep Diver. The three ounce Salty Boogie, from Whopper Stopper in Texas, is a good imitation of a bunker and has taken big bass in the mid-Atlantic. The Creek Chub Pikie and Darter are standards with saltwater fishermen all over the globe, and particular favorites of mine for tarpon. However, stripers will hit them just as readily.

One of the more unique lures to reach our shores in recent years has been the Red Gills from Blue Fox. These realistic sand eel imitations have been selling very well—and they do catch fish. You can rig them for trolling or even drifting, and they have a very realistic motion in the water. My first daytime bass of this season hit a Red Gill being trolled down the middle of a Sekora umbrella rig.

As previously noted, one of the biggest areas for lure-makers now is the offshore, high-speed market. These large, expensive lures tempt all types of tuna, as well as blue and white marlin, wahoo and dolphin. The big number last summer was Seven-strand's Psychobeads—known locally as the "green machine." However, plenty of competition is shaping up this year with the Frank Johnson Soft Heads, Boone Strikers, Tony Acetta Jelly Jets, Spider Ono, Malolo and Ahi, and J&B Funny Fish all being heavily promoted.

Looking over to the freshwater side, there are more lures than an angler could use in a normal lifetime. I can barely scratch the surface without taking the entire magazine over, but will at least outline some of the highlights. Cotton Cordell is making many of his hot bass plugs in the new Balsa-Lite material and feels this is the way most quality lures will be made within the next few years.

Tom Mann is now well known in saltwater since his Jelly Worms have made such a big splash for spring weakfish. However, he's most famous for his development of those very soft worms for freshwater bass fishing. Another of his top lures is the Little George tail-spinner. New this year are the Hackleback plugs and Swimmin Tail lures. The Luhr Jensen J-Plug was developed for salmon, but is just as deadly on stripers. Fluorescent models have been added this year.



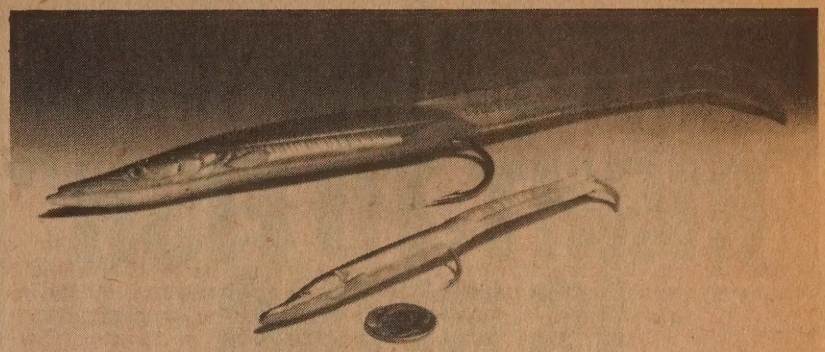
Boone Natural Striker high speed lures. From top: 8 oz. Mullet, 6 oz. Ballyhoo, 2 oz. Sea Minnow.

Fred Arbogast is pushing its natural Seein's Believin finishes on such great standards as the Jitterbug and Hula Popper, but also has introduced the Hula Spinner, spinner baits. Helin is sticking with the famous Flatfish, which already comes in an incredible variety of colors and sizes.

Burke has added a Shifty Shad soft-bodied jig and the Tailspin drop bait. By the way, have you ever tried the Burke Wig-Wag Minno in saltwater? It's a real killer of a jig! Normark continues to add to the Rapala line with the 1/8 oz. Mini Fat Rap, while Rebel has added a similar sized Super Teeny-R. Bill Norman is pushing the three-bladed Triple Wing Buzz Bait. The Eppinger Dardevle line has been expanded to include the 2/5 oz. Bass Devle, a smaller, weedless version of the standard lure. Mepps has answered the demand for freshwater striper lures with the Striper Killer spinner in one-half and one ounce sizes and the half ounce Striper Spoon. New from Johnson spoons is the Johnson Spinner Spoon, a half ounce Silver Minnow with a Hildebrandt spinner rigged ahead of it. Mister Twister has introduced the soft-bodied Sassy Shad jigs, including saltwater versions in three and four inches. Creme, the famous worm company, has gone into spinner baits with the Jawbreakers, and Heddon is expanding their successful Tadpolly line. Knight has come up with the unique Tube worms that have a hollow body and a solid head. They're so buoyant that the 6'' and 7½'' sizes can be used as a surface lure by rigging with a 3/0 sproat hook and no weight. Yakima is using printed natural finishes on their Rooster Tail spinners, while both Lazy Ike and Crankbait have come out with plugs made of closed-cell structural foam.

There isn't too much new from Uncle Josh, but if you haven't been using pork rind over the years you'll find plenty to get excited about in that line. I rarely throw over a jig without a piece of pork rind attached. That strip really improves the attractiveness of the lure (especially at slow speeds) and is well worth the small investment. Best of all, the rinds are reusable and will last for years. Even bluefish take awhile to chop them off. The latest improvement from Uncle Josh is Ripple Rind, which undulates like a twister-tail worm. A fine booklet about fishing with pork rind, "How to Fish Pork Rind in Freshwater," is available free of charge by writing to Uncle Josh Bait Company, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin 53538.

Normark has also come up with a fine guide, "The Rapala Fisherman's Catalog," an 80-page book which includes their catalog, plus many informative articles. This well-done book may be ordered for $1 from Normark Corp., 1710 East 78th St., Minneapolis, MN 55423. Also don't forget the famous "Mepps Fisherman's Guide." It's priced at $1 and can be ordered from Mepps, P.O. Bos 1009, Antigo, Wisconsin 54409.



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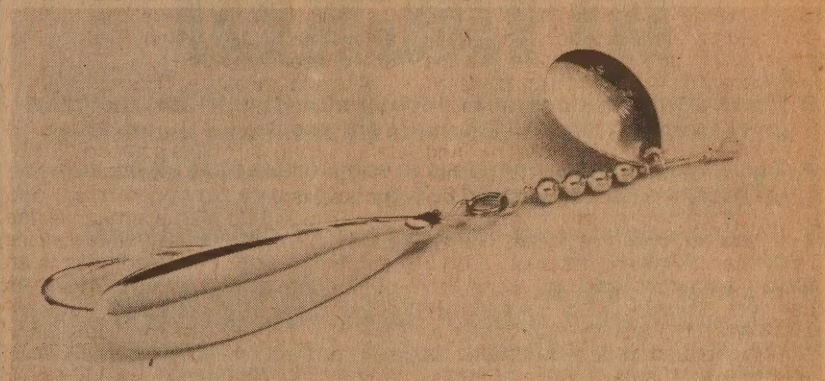

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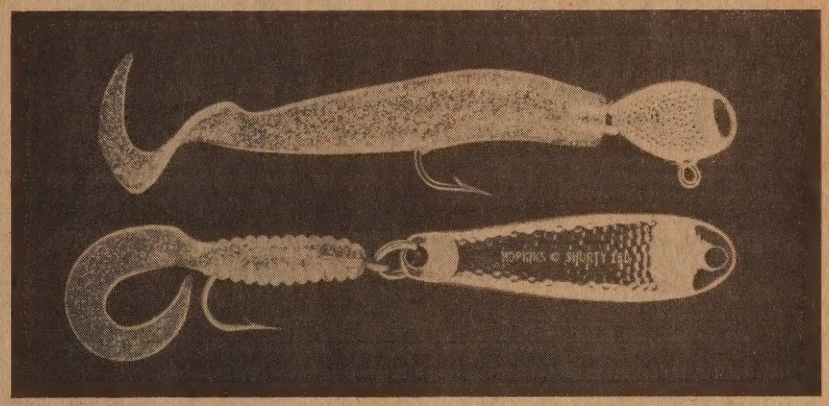

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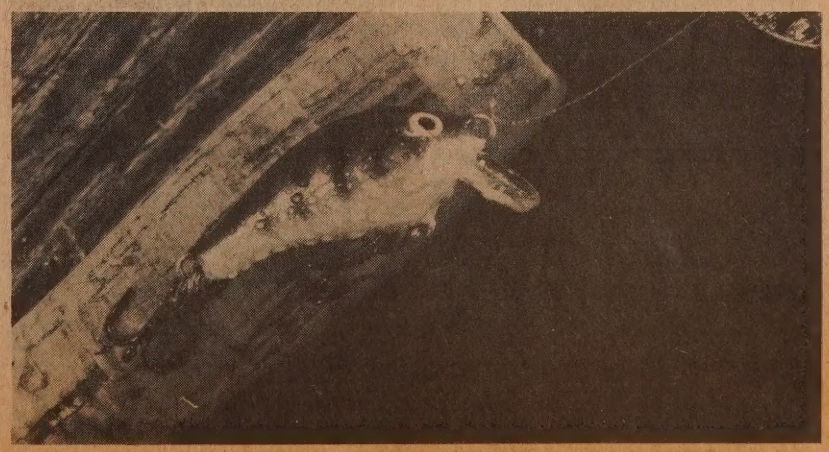

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Captain Richie Rade of the **Montauk Fleet** said that they enjoyed good fishing Thursday, Friday and Sunday of last week at Southwest Ledge. Saturday's wind wiped out that day's fishing. Cod, big blacks and some mackerel have been accounting for some nice mixed bags. On Thursday or Friday of last week, two cod over 40 lbs. were taken.

SOUTH FORK
★ BEST BET ★
BLACKFISH

SHINNECOCK

Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** reported flounder action in Shinnecock Bay has been holding up pretty good. Both worms and red dyed clams have been accounting for some decent sized flatties. Thom also knew that boatmen continued to do a good job on big blackfish at Block Island. Several anglers stopped by to display catches made out of Montauk.

MORICHES BAY

Bill at **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** reported cod of 31 and 27 lbs. for John Podlaski and Ed Dubanie-

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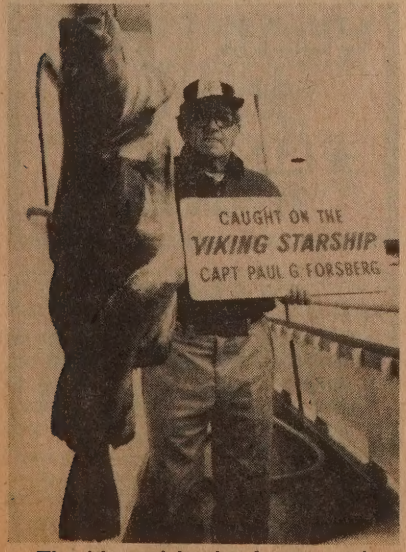
wicz. The pair fished in 85' of water south of the inlet and had lots of whiting and ling along with the cod. As for the flounder fishing, good scores still being made at buoys 29, 36, 44 and the Quogue Canal. Worms and red dyed clams taking flatties up to 2 lbs.



The big cod in the foreground was landed by Francis Devine aboard the "Viking Starship." It weighed in at 51 lbs.

GREAT SOUTH BAY
★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

OAKDALE

Dave at **J&R Sports Center** reported not much going on locally with the exception of some fair flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb and a few flatties in the State Channel and at Heckscher. Worms working best for the flounder. For trout fans, a mixture of brooks, browns and rainbows still being taken in the Connetquot. Some going to 18".

CAPTREE

Capt George Tweedy of the **Capt Scotty** reports a catch of 10 cod Sunday of all jumbo class fish from 25 to 40 lbs. Two were 15 pounders. This was all on open bottom on bait which equates to a good day's fishing. Just a few doggies around and an occasional mackerel, whiting and ling. The boat will be sailing a regular full day trip on Thanksgiving Day.

Capt Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt**

This 700 lb. catch of blues was made aboard the charter boat "Windy" at Block Island. Doing the catching were Louie, Chickie, Barbara, Hector and Julio.

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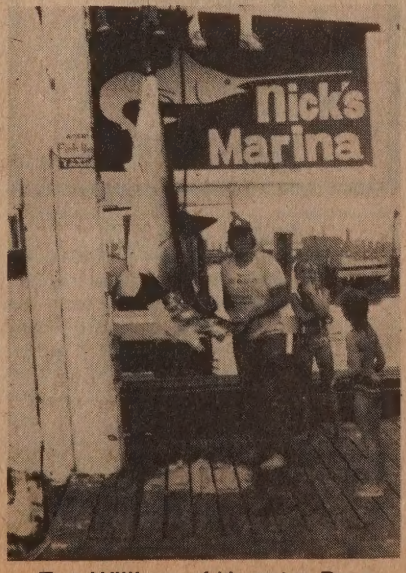
Bob Joseph had 4 cod Saturday and attributes this mainly to the poor fishing conditions and the moon tide which made fishing conditions tricky to say the least. Some blacks and whiting are scattered in the catch. Sunday's score was considerably better with 11 good cod and a healthy catch of blackfish thrown in. Rich Karp of Long Beach grabbed the pool with a 28 lb. cod. All fish ran from 8 to 20 lbs. They also had a nice shot of mackerel which lasted one hour. Those anglers that switched to mackerel rigs had 15 to 30 mackerel a man in addition to whatever cod they caught. The boat has been fishing wrecks and open bottom as well. All the cod hit clam bait. Blackfish ran 2 to 6 lbs.

Bobby at the **Captree Bait Station** said that casters pick away on flounder at the Captree Overlook Pier. He called the action on the Jones Beach piers real good. Most anglers are taking the flatties on worms and Bob reminded that the Jones Beach pier produced good fishing through most of the winter.

For the open boat fleet, there have been some good sized cod on open bottom and very good blackfishing on the offshore reef. Nick Commisso checked in a 10¾ lb. tautog which he landed aboard the **Speedy VII** over the weekend.

Capt Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** reports that flounder action was fair on the weekend to the tune of 6 to 12 keepers per man. However, there did seem to be a showing of larger fish. On Sunday, flatties ran from 1½ to 2 lbs. Sunday was the last flounder trip for the season and as you read this, the boat is on a codfishing schedule and will be sailing for cod at 6 a.m. daily.



Tom Williams of Hampton Bays put away this 277 lb. mako on his father's boat, My Three Sons. Subscriber photo.

This mixed catch of bass, blues and weaks was made aboard the Montauk charter boat "King Wayne" by Dr. Arthur Graff and his son.

BABYLON

Ralph at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** spoke of a good number of cod on open bottom outside of Fire Island Inlet. Several decent catches were made over the weekend by Babylon Tuna Club members. Howie Degenhardt aboard his Deep Troller along with his son Rick put away five cod from 24 to 35 lbs. in 85' of water. Fred Kammerer aboard his Small Fry returned with 8 cod in addition to a load of ling and whiting. On Saturday, the Happy Hooker crewed by Billy Mahler, Bill Kern and Phil Fracalaveri fished 85' of water and put away 8 cod up to 30 lbs. Ralph reminded that he is stocking fresh clams and scallop shells for boatmen intent on cod. He added that a couple of boats got in a decent shot at the flounders in the pocket behind the Sore Thumb. On Sunday, George Grebe and his son returned with 16 big flatties taken there on worms.

SOUTH SHORE BAYS

★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

SEAFORD

Stu Tietzen and Bob Ossenport on their boat Prowler called to say that this week they had a good catch of flounder in Zacs Bay including a few 2½ pounders on blood worms and mussels.

BELLMORE

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** tells us that the few flounder pounders that went out this weekend picked a way at the flatties in the area of the Golf Course, Merrick Point and the Bent Pole

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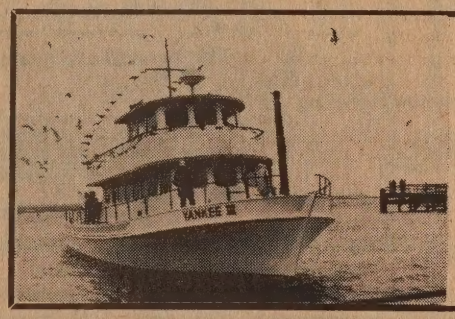

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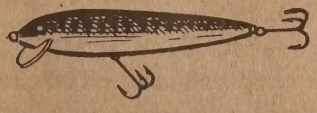

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areas. Fish were from ½ to 1¼ pounders. Results were not fantastic but they sure beat watching TV.

BALDWIN

Jack at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** reports good flounder catches this weekend for those that made the effort with Middle Bay and Scow Creek producing well. Boats had anywhere from a half dozen to two dozen keeper flounders. A gas customer fishing due south of the Inlet Saturday in 120' of water hung a 44 lb. cod on a wreck using clam bait. Winners of the 4th Annual Arthur Street Marina Fishing Contest were Adam Bernstein with a 27 lb. striper, Jerry Kircher with a 11 lb. weakfish, Dr. Stu Bernstein with a 17 lb. bluefish and Jim Collins with a 4¾ lb. fluke.

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The **Capt Al** reports that on Thursday, Sam Smollin of Rockville Centre had a 40 lb. cod and grabbed the pool. Runner up was Ray Handley of Brooklyn with a 32 lb. cod. Friday's pool fish hit 36 lbs. on the scale for Walter Venters of Manhattan. Runner up was Pete Wenskus of Howard Beach, Queens, with cod of 32, 28, and 16 lbs. Saturday's pool fish of 41 lbs. was hooked and landed by Massapequa angler Joe Golden. Al says the codfishing is getting better every day and it's developing into a steady pick now. It looks as though we are on the verge of breaking into a good codfishing season, says Al. The boat will also be sailing Friday night and Saturday night whiting trips at 7 p.m. with a $12 fare and the fishing is just a short distance from the Inlet.

Capt Paul Schmidt of the **Aloma II** tells us that he's catching loads of ling, whiting and blackfish on local

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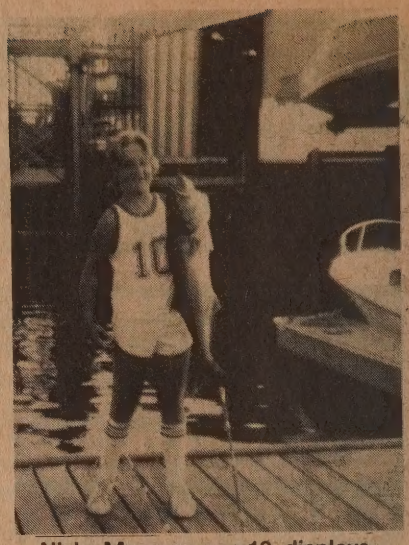
wrecks, with the catch being primarily blacks and whiting. Blacks are running 4 to 5 lbs., ling up to 3 lbs. and whiting from 1½ to 2 lbs. They are also seeing a sprinkling of mackerel in the 2 lb. class. Fishing is roughly 20 minutes from the Inlet and on Saturday fares averaged 30 to 75 fish a man.

The **Starstream II** with cod on the menu reports that Sunday saw 16 cod bouncing on the deck going up to 31 lbs. These have been all wreck fish. On Friday's trip a 44 pounder was hoisted by Mark White of College Point. Thursday's trip saw Sam Parks of Staten Island deck a 45 lb. cod. Runner up was a 35 pounder taken by Brooklyn angler Ken Cisek. Chester Zygmont of Yonkers had a 31 pounder. Brian McFadden of Irvington NJ brought up a 32 lb. cod. On Saturday's trip, Wes Oliver of Mawah NJ had a 32 lb. cod also. Ling and whiting are mixed in with these cod fish catches. Capt Richie is concentrating on the offshore wrecks, roughly 1½ hrs. from the dock.

Capt Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** wants to remind you of his open boat codfish by reservation only trips which are scheduled to sail December 13 and 14.

Capt Bill Lindroth of the **Capt Bill** tells us that Roosevelt Rodgers on Sunday totaled 50 keeper flatties



Nicky Masesso, age 12, displays a 12½ lb. chopper taken on spinning tackle aboard the family boat, Lamancha. Fishing was done at the Cholera. Subscriber photo.

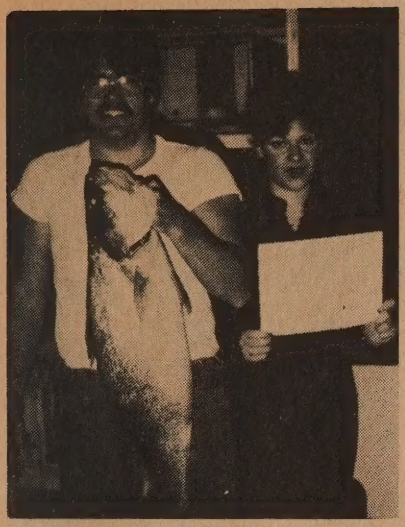
fishing both half-day trips. Bill is now changing his schedule for the winter and will be sailing weekends only at 7 a.m. for cod, whiting and ling.

The **Capt Gary** called to say that he ran as an open boat Sunday for whiting and ling with customers catching mixed bags of whiting, ling and blackfish. He also stopped inside and picked up some flounder as well. The skipper says he will be running as an open boat for whiting and ling November 30th. See ad for details. Gary wants to wish all of his customers a very happy holiday season.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt Dennis Kenyak of the charterboat **Marie III** asked us to remind you of his open by reservation only

Six-year-old Michael Rimler struggles to lift the big blue he landed ("with a little assistance") from a Sheepshead Bay open boat. Subscriber photo.



This huge 17 lb. weak was landed in Jamaica Bay back in October by Kevin Dobkowski. The tiderunner was weighed at Cross Bay Bait & Tackle.

codfish trips which are sailing Dec. 13th and 14th. Dennis passed on the word that Mike Nicoletti on his boat Inga G fished open bottom Friday in 95' of water and boated 9 cod and dropped 3 others while fishing all by his lonesome. The two largest cod were 27 and 23 lbs. and he expended 6 bushels of clams for chum fishing SE of Jones.

LONG BEACH

Bernie Haag reporting for **Long Beach Sports Marina** said that rentals average a not so great 20 fish per boat average over the weekend. He blamed the slack in the action on strong moon tides, but figured things would be back to normal by this weekend. Some blackfish still being picked at the railroad trestle, Atlantic Beach bridge and the gong buoy on fiddler crabs. Umbrella rig trollers continue to do a job on school bass in the 3-8 lb. range outside of Rockaway Inlet. One local boatman has been putting away at least a box of fish per day.

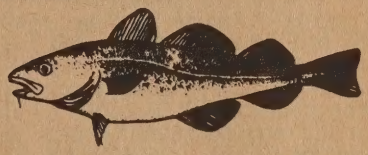
ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt Ron Lepper of the charterboat **Kim** is still averaging 20 to 25 school bass per trip with an occasional teen fish. This is all on umbrellas in the NY Bight area, mainly around Ambrose Channel. On Friday, your reporter along with Ed Rindfleisch of Long Beach and Nick Scharaldi of Bellrose fished with Ronnie with 20 stripers ending up in the box. The boat's last weekend has come and gone and Ronnie wishes all of his customers and all of our readers a very happy holiday season and says he'll see us all in the Spring.

Al at **Reynolds Reef fishing Station** phoned in the results of the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club's annual codfish derby which was held this past Saturday and Sunday. Despite Saturday's wind, the crew aboard the Four Queens copped 1st, 2nd and 3rd place after running south to Fire Island. Sid Alter had the biggest fish of the weekend, a 44 lber. Marty Piser had a 25 lber., and Captain Vic Genduso finished up in third with a 10 lb. cod. Al noted that there are still some good flounder scores being made at the Atlantic Beach bridge, the railroad trestle and in the creeks leading to Cedarhurst Yacht Club. Worms have been taking flatties in the 1/2 to 1 lb. range.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt Tom Farrell of the charterboat **Dad's Dream** asked us to let you know that he's now booking for late Fall and winter charters for cod, flounder and whiting.



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SAG HARBOR

Capt Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** called to say that this weekend will be your last chance to cash in on monster east end blackfish. The boat will sail Friday, Saturday and Sunday and then Artie will wrap it up until Springtime. He added that by Friday we will be off the moon tide and we will have the flood all weekend in his area which will result in absolutely perfect conditions for blackfishing.

Pete and Dorothy Billia and Don and Frank Durando show off blackfish taken near the Silver Point jetty. Photo courtesy of Long Beach Sports Marina.

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STRIPERS

SELDEN

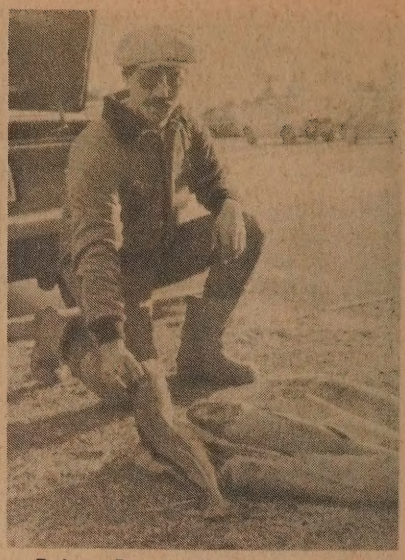
Angler's Den tells us that the best bet this past week has been buoy 54 area at Quogue Canal for flounders on worms, clam and chum if you can get it. A few small bass have been taken by north shore anglers fishing between Shoreham and Mt. Sinai.

HUNTINGTON

George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** described the bass action as decent on Friday and Sunday at buoys 13, 11B and the Obstruction buoy. Two ounce Tri-Fin jigs and umbrella rigs have been the ticket for the bass. Going back to last Monday, George reported a catch of 95 bass taken by Ken Masci and his father Tom. They trolled umbrella rigs. A few big blacks taken at 11B during the week and flounder fishing picking up steam along Ashroken, Eatons and Marshall Field. Worms are taking these bigger fish on the outside, while inside the harbors small fish are the rule.

Capt Don of the **Everready** tells us that Hal Smith of Staten Island took the pool with a 6 lb. striped bass Sunday. Also on Sunday Mike Makan was high hook with 21 flounder and a striper. Largest flounder of the week on the boat was a 2 lb. 3 oz. specimen taken Saturday off Eatons Neck by Charlie Maxwell of Hempstead. The boat is now seeking stripers and flounders with a reduced fare as blackfish have been elminated from the program. Stripers are hitting best on Tri-Fin tiger strips #3 (TF3) with best action in the early morning at buoy 13 after 9 o'clock at 11B.

Four-year-old Kimberly Arndt launched her fishing career this past summer with a nice brace of fluke taken in Reynold's Channel. Subscriber photo.



Robert Rojas, fishing aboard a friend's boat on a Fire Island wreck, took these four cod weighing 4, 22, 23, and 25 lbs. Subscriber photo.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

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STRIPERS

CITY ISLAND

Greg at **City Island Bait and Tackle** spoke of a lot of flounder between City Island and Hart's Island. Sand worms along with corn or mussel chum has been accounting for the best scores. A lot of bass being taken down in the East River on cast bucktails. Most of the fish run anywhere from 8 to 12 lbs., although Greg looked over one catch made around 85th Street where most of the fish averaged 7-8 lbs.

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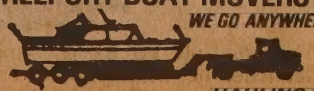
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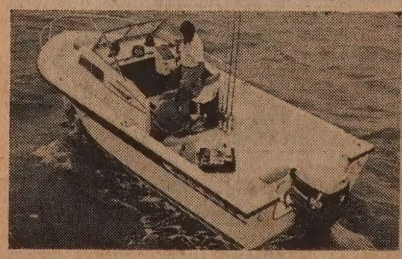

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SURF REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

It looks like it's time to bring down the curtain on this year's Surf Report column. A vicious, late October storm followed by a steady diet of cold and strong northwest winds combined to put the brakes on what was shaping up to be the best surf fishing season in several years. Reports have been difficult to come by in recent weeks, as most surfmen saw the sudden halt in action following "the" storm as reason enough to hang up their rods.

I only wish I had been as smart.

For those looking to stay sharp during the winter months, it appears that a fair number of bass have begun establishing their winter residence in the warm water outflow of Lilco's Northport power plant. Worms, Rebels, and bucktails took bass from shorts up to 6 lbs. on day and night tides last week.

One of the highlights of the 1980 season was the establishment of the "New York Surf Fishing Contest." The well organized competition renewed club spirit and provided an incentive which had been missing since the demise of the "Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest."

The birth of the "Montauk Surfcasters Association" was a big step towards unifying the Montauk surf clan. The enthusiasm met by the formation of the group assures that it will be a force to be reckoned with in future seasons whenever casters' rights are jeopardized.

A special thanks to all those who contributed info during the course of the season and wishes for a short, healthy winter to all.

A recent trip to Quincy, Mass. resulted in this huge flattie for John Kanich. The largest flounder ever for John, it weighed 4 lbs. 1 oz. Subscriber photo.

CHRISTMAS

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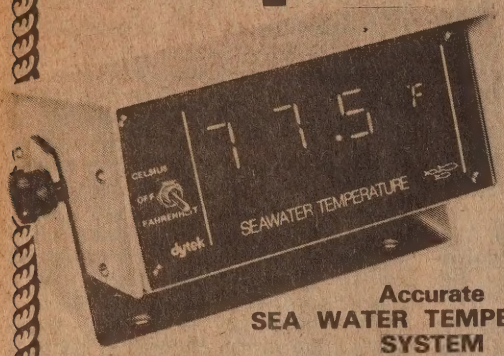

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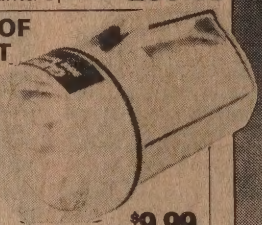

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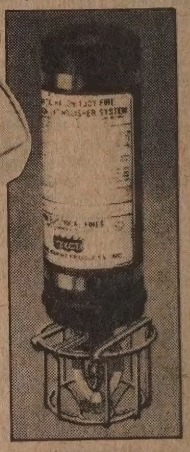

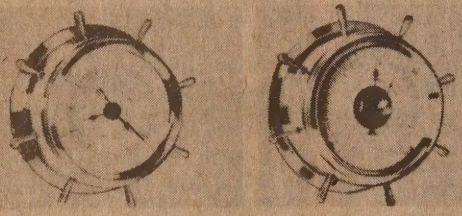

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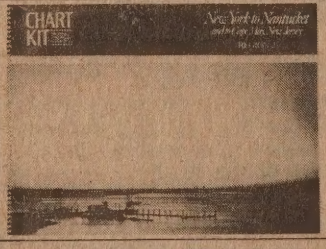

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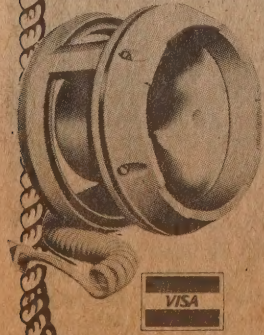

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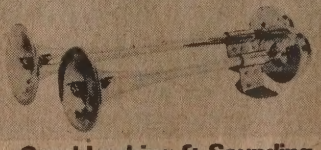

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